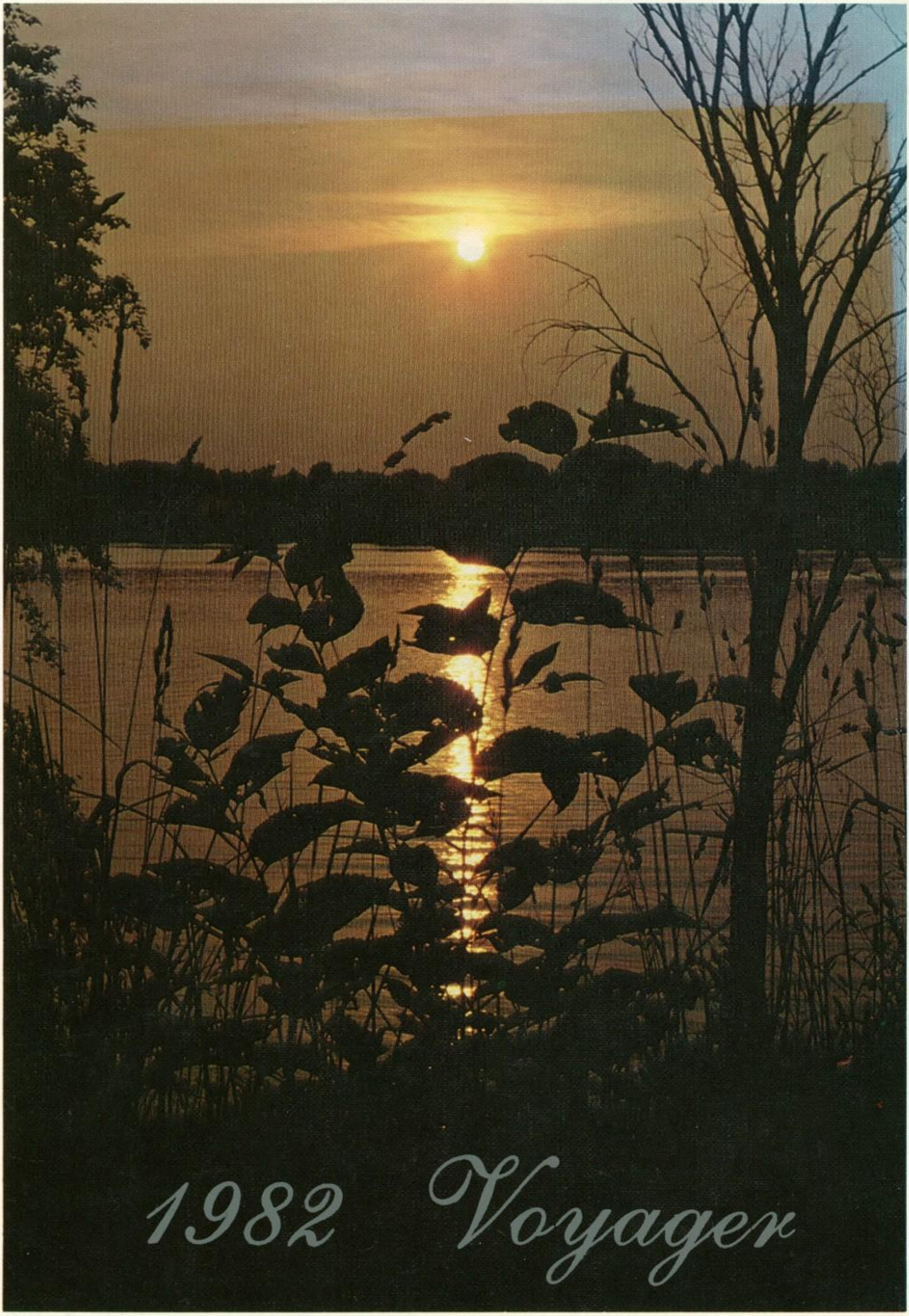

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You Can Be Somebody Just By Being Yourself

Music and Lyrics by Steve Karmen

You can be somebody with a plan of your own.
You can say no! And you won't be alone.
You can make yourself get higher than you have ever known,
When you're makin' up your own mind,
Doin' things your own way,
Settin' up your own style,
Bein' yourself.
Bein' yourself.

You can be somebody with your own point of view,
Just by acting yourself in whatever you do.
You can be somebody 'cause the choice is up to you,
When you're making up your own mind,
Doin' things your own way,
Settin' up your own style,
Bein' yourself.
Bein' yourself.

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On September 20, 1981, NBC-TV launched the largest, most concentrated media campaign ever to offer a positive alternative to drugs. Produced by Robert Evans, "Get High on Yourself" centered around the filming of several musical messages showing young people and celebrities singing Steve Karmen's "Being Yourself," the campaign's theme song. With the discussion of drugs and alternatives to drug use, the campaign aimed to spread a new spirit throughout the country — a celebration of American individuality and human potential.

During the week of September 20-27, every primetime NBC program opened with one of its stars introducing messages aimed at starting family discussions about having a positive self-image, enjoying life naturally and fashioning a meaningful future. Among the many celebrities involved were Muhammad Ali, Paul Newman, Cheryl Tiegs, Henry Winkler, Carol Burnett, Cathy Lee Crosby, Bob Hope, Cheryl Ladd, Bruce Jenner, and Mark Hamill.

Yvonne Butts

Kim King

With the words of Karmen's "Being Yourself," the **1982 Voyager** Staff presents the picture of individuality at Halifax Academy. We believe "YOU can be somebody just by being YOURSELF!"

Whether in extra-curricular activities or in the classroom, Halifax students find new ways to express their individual talents. One student learns to find contentment in participation in athletics; another finds excitement in learning to type; another finds happiness in sharing a game of tic-tac-toe with a little one; yet others discover life through skits at a pep rally during Homecoming.

Being yourself is winning with the "I will" approach to life!

Mr. Harvey Lewis

Lindy Turner, Linda Miles, Debbie Warren, Paige Birdsong, Kathy Shaw, Ruth Jenkins, Ramona Hale

Art Rook, Phil Spragins

To Be Or Not To Be Excellent . . .

Martin Buber said, "Every person born in this world represents something new, something that never existed before, something original and unique. It is the duty of every person to know . . . that there has never been anyone like him in the world. For if there had been someone like him there would have been no need for him to be in the world. Every single man is a new thing in the world and is called upon to fulfill his particularity in this world."

Daily, we have the opportunity to witness new ideas, to entertain new challenges, to participate in new ventures. Whether we acknowledge the possibilities of our world is an individual choice. There are times when everything comes together . . . perfectly. A football team scores more points than ever before and allows its opponents nothing. A musician gives a virtuoso performance. A runner breaks a world record. These are not "accidents."

Wendy Byrum

Wendy Bunch

Cindy Shearin

Monray Joyner

Ed Johnston

Ted Garner

The Choice Is Up To You!

Robin Hux, Donna Vaughan

Michelle Ross

Betsy Shearin

Ghi Suiter, Kim King; Sandy Viverette, Ted Garner

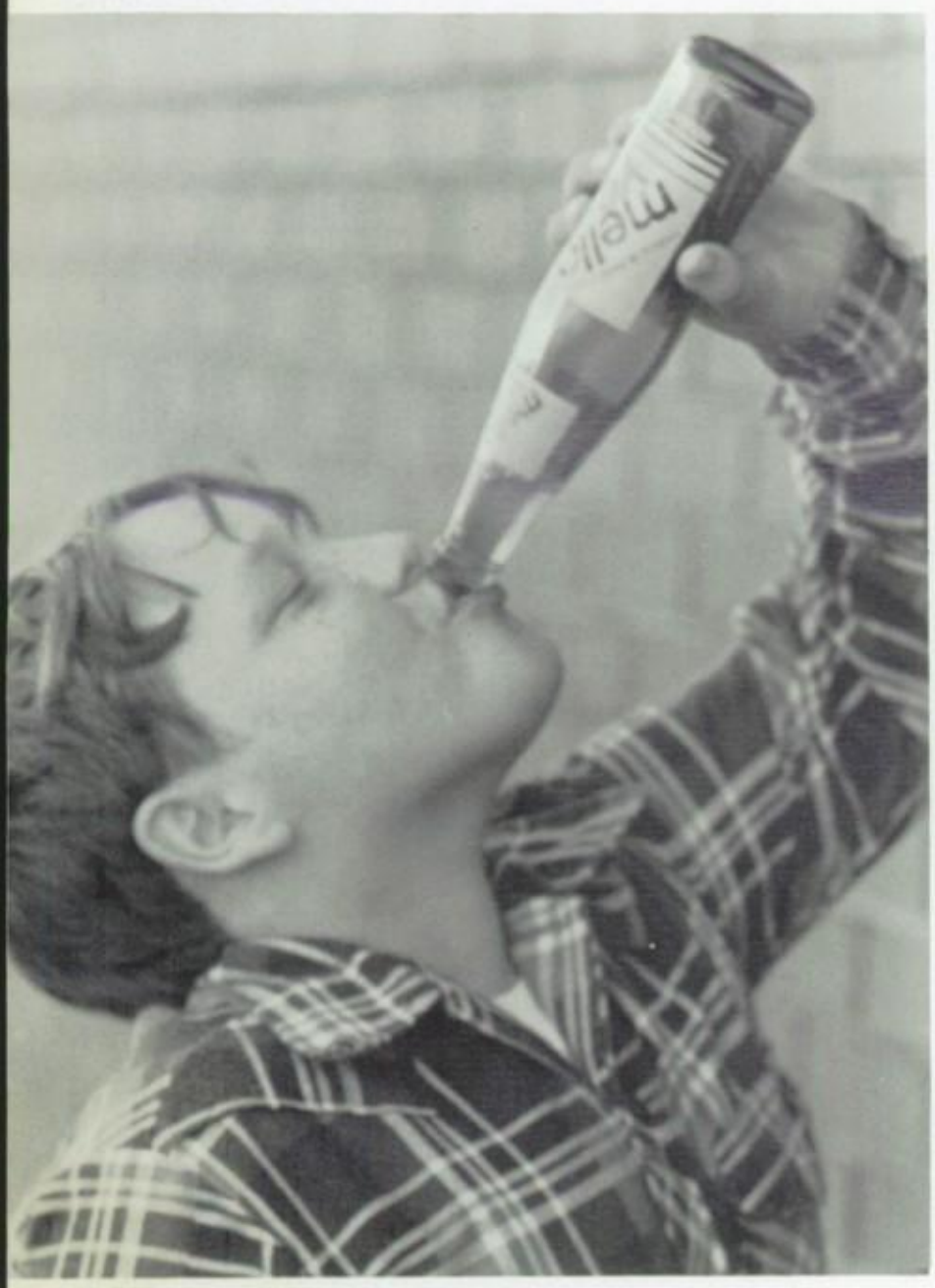
Feel Good About Yourself . . .

"But, Mom! I just think I'll die if I can't get a pair of those jeans! Everyone at school is wearing them, and besides, my birthday's coming up real soon! Whaddya think? Can't I have 'em?"

Sound familiar? We've all felt the powerful need to conform, to be just like other people. Young people are especially susceptible to the need to be "in," to be popular.

And, in many ways it's very comforting to be like others, to share common interests, to share common goals. But to be a really healthy, happy person — to really feel good about yourself — you've got to realize you can't be exactly like the other person, nor should you want to be! You are a totally unique individual. To really like yourself, you've simply got to start to enjoy your uniqueness! When you realize all the positive, likeable things about you, all the achievements you've made, and all that you will make, you can't help feeling really good about the very unique YOU!

Chuck Pridgen, Monray Joyner, David Butts



Stephen Anderson

Tammy Davis

Enjoy Your Uniqueness!

Tina Sorie, Amy Turner

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John Little

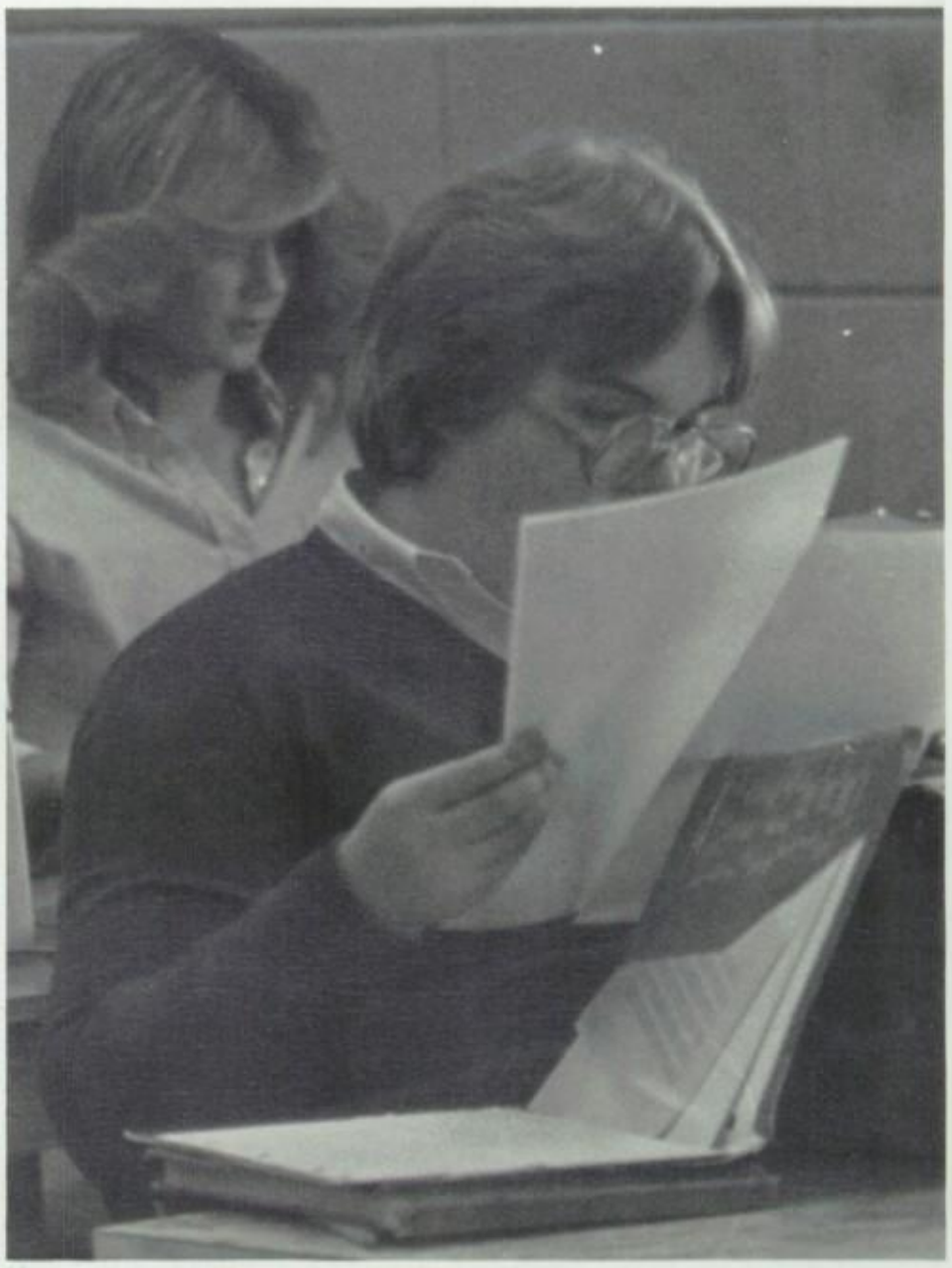
Karen Dickens

Kim Brown, Mrs. Maude Newell

Kim Salmon

At Times, Individuals . . .

Hope Snell



Sybil Shearin

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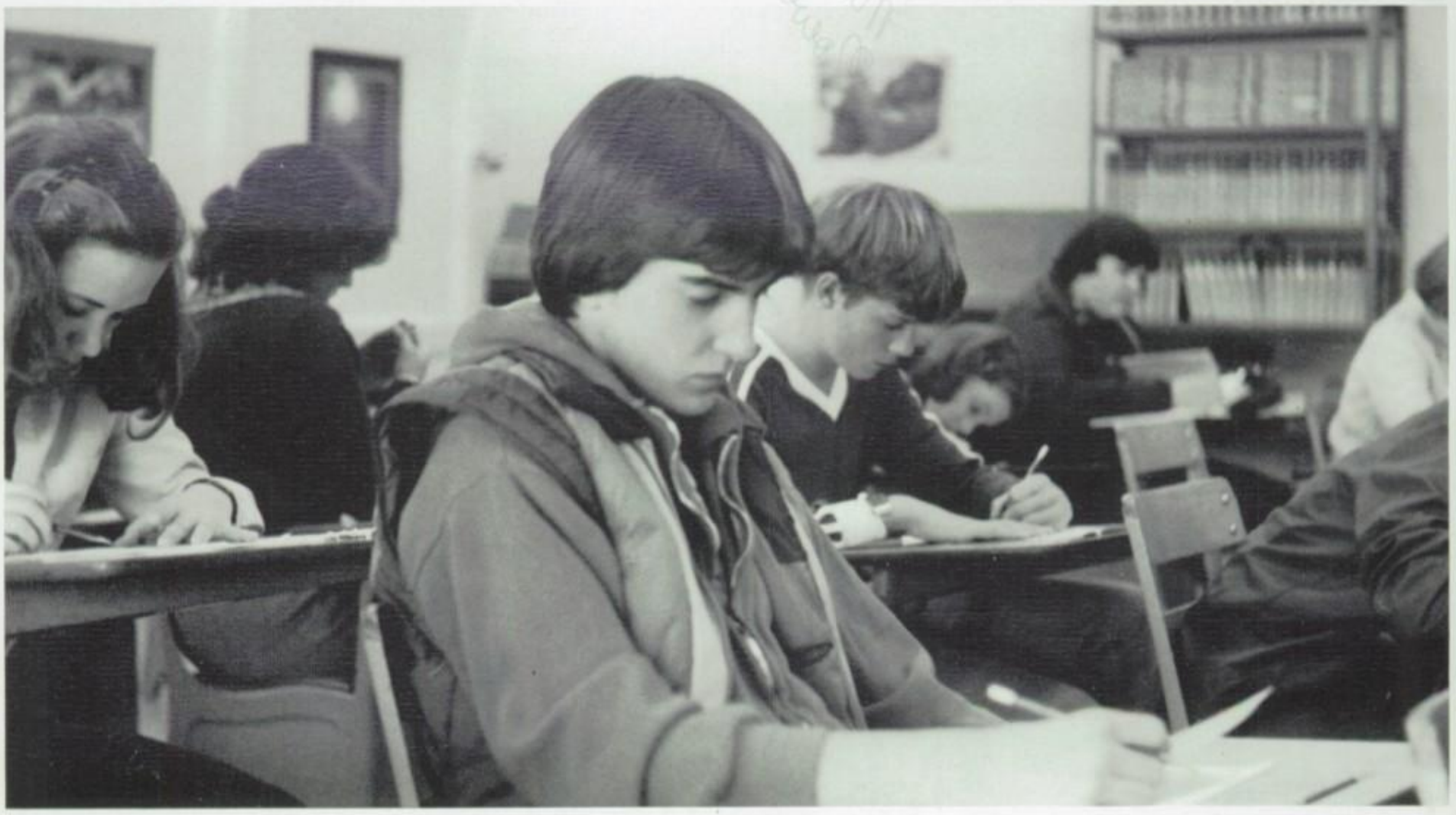


Les Abshire

Freshmen break together.

Ramona Hale, Susan Nelson, Lori Edwards

Freshmen gang up during Spirit Week.

Freshmen study together.

But We Can Work Together!

When You Know What's Best,

Cindy Burnside

Mark Miles

Lori Edwards, Susan Nelson

Trust Your Own Judgment!

Sallie Little

Eddie Williams

Sarah Buffaloe

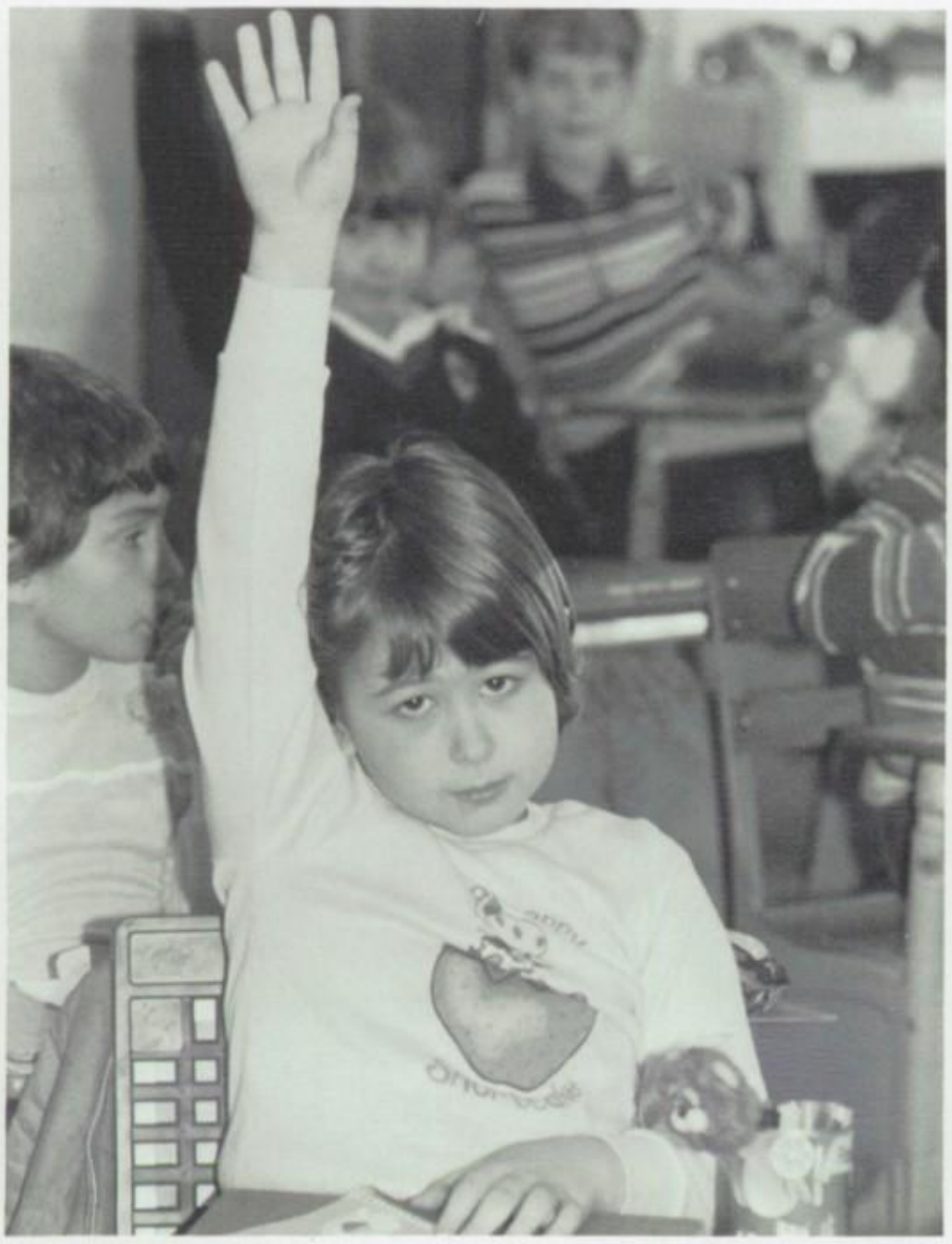
Seventh-graders

Melissa Garriss

Be Yourself!

Perhaps we would we be wiser to consider the words of a great American writer. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation; but of the adopted talent of another you have only an extemporaneous half possession. That which each can do best, none but his Maker can teach him."

Mary Dunning



Stamie DeBerry

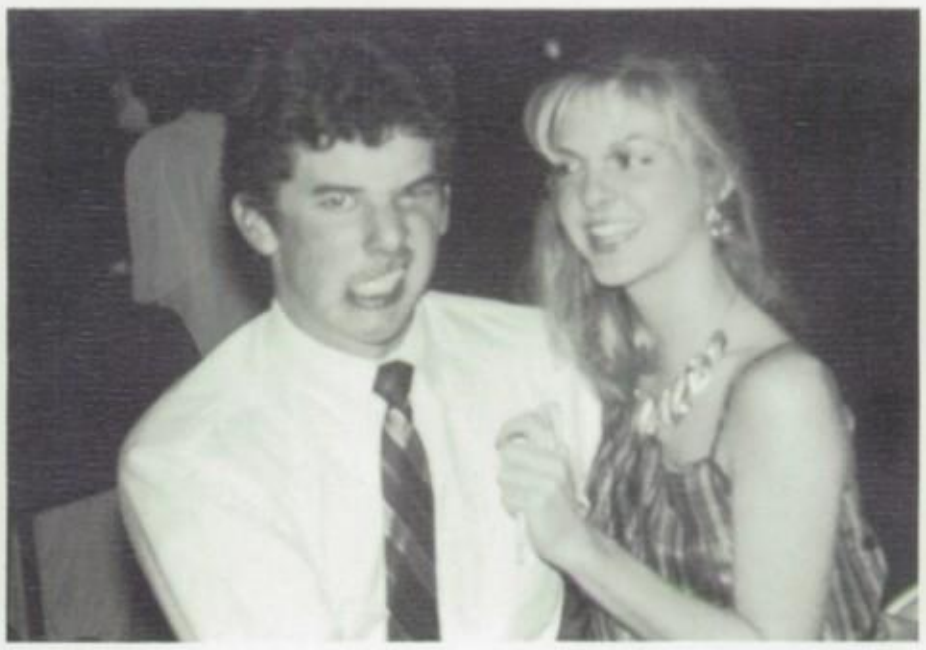
Angie Wood, Betsy Brewer, Rhonda DeBerry

Connie Davis, Tammy White

Ruth Jenkins, Ellen Page, Laura Jenkins

Who Else Is Better Qualified?

Michelle Ross



Perri Stowitts

Kim King, Teresa Johnson

Ruth Jenkins, Linda Miles

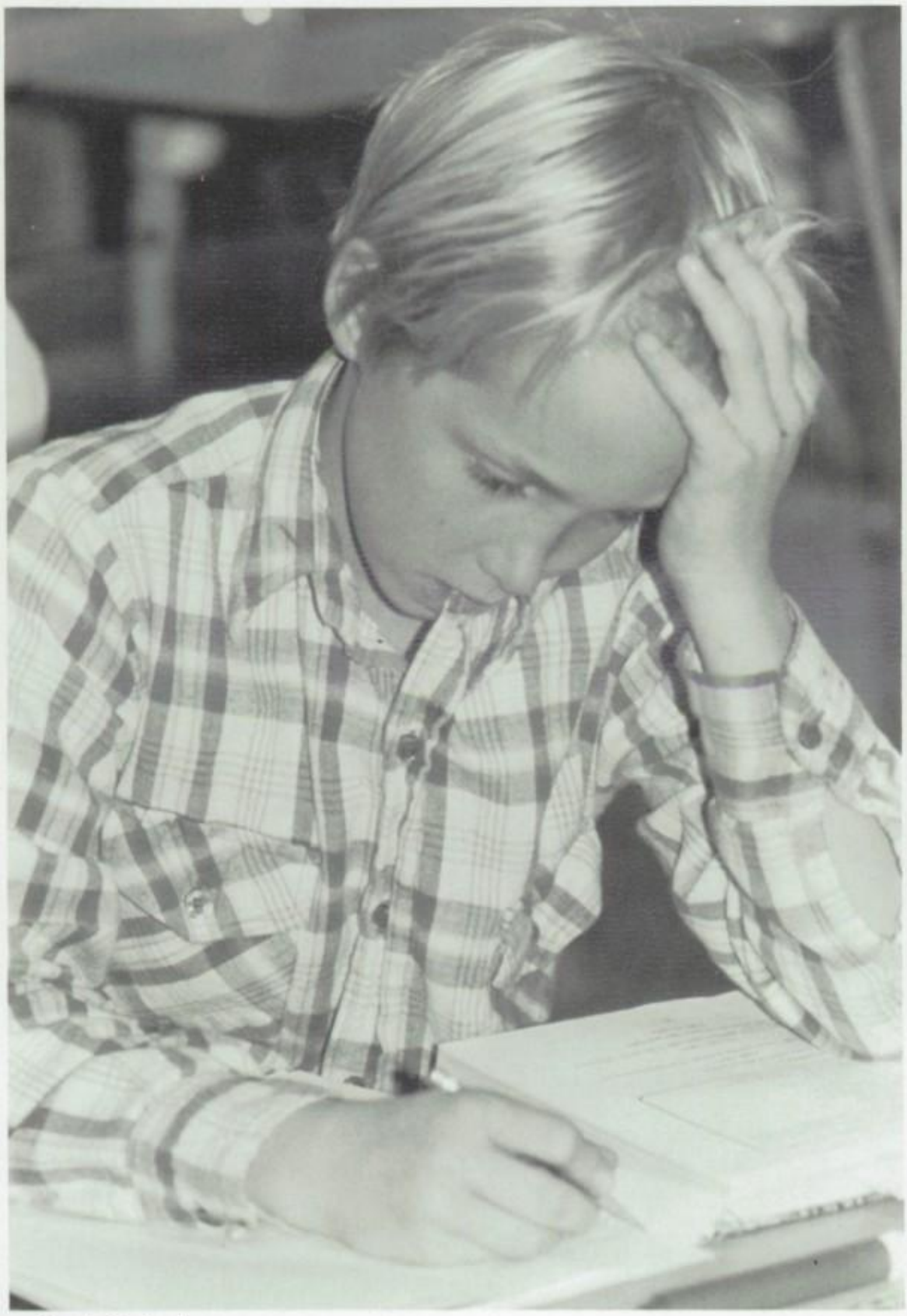
Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Mr. George Alston

Strengthen Your Self-Image

Lindy Turner, Tammy Podruchny, Cindy Shearin, Kim King, Lori Edwards, Susan Nelson

Lindy Turner



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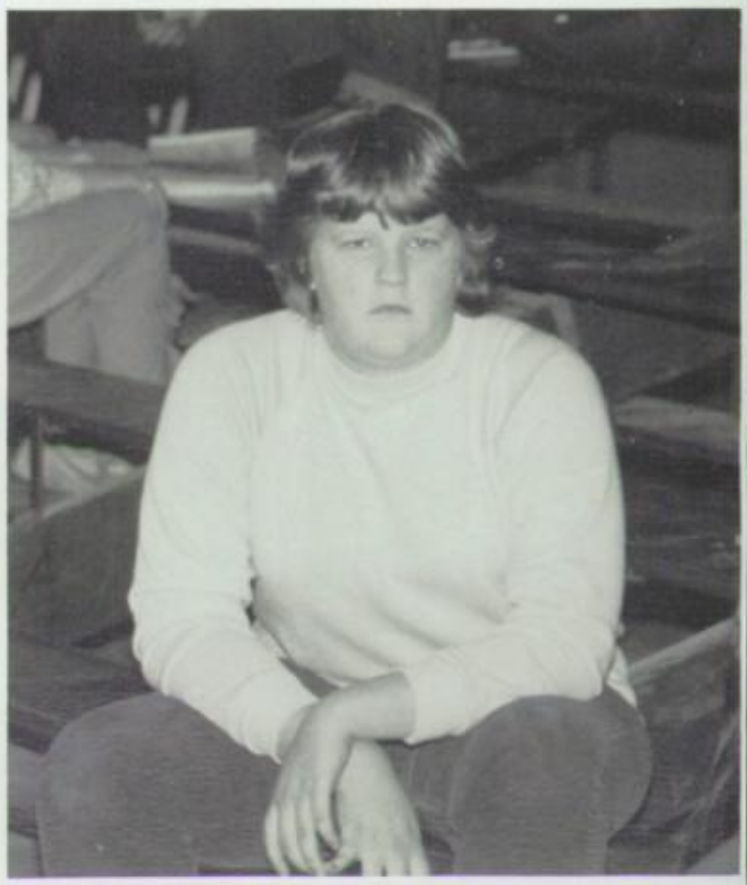

Martha Meadows

A football pep rally!

. . . And Be Content!

Faculty and guests at Junior-Senior '81

Dr. Maxwell Maltz said, "You must understand the incredible power of your mind — for good or evil. It is not easy to comprehend that, in a world of skyscrapers and superhighways, or atomic energy and astronauts speeding through outer space, it is the simple concepts and images in your mind that can make you happy. But this is so. Your thoughts, your concepts, your images; these are your most precious assets. You can circle the globe a hundred times and make a million dollars and be miserable. You can strengthen your image of yourself — and be content."

Dr. Wayne W. Dyer said, "Working at healthy self-images is crucial if you are to avoid being a knee-jerk victim, with responses as predictable as when the doctor smacks your knee with a little hammer."

Sybil Shearin

Wendy Bunch, Karen Inscoe, Jill Dickens

Get High On Yourself!

No subject more involves young people than the pressure to conform to established patterns of behavior and the desire to be unique, individual, unhampered by external controls. Again, however, Emerson exhorts, "Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events. Great men have always done so, and confided themselves childlike to the genius of their age . . ."

Searching for independence, Henry David Thoreau lived alone at Walden Pond for over two years. Writing about those experiences, Thoreau said, "I learned this, at least, by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours." Likewise, Thoreau observed, "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." Remember to step to your own music! Be yourself!

Lynn Dowell

Denise Patton

Sallie Little

Ellen Page, Wayne Barlowe

Shelia Johnson

It's people that make Halifax Academy great. The school is nothing without the students. Individuality makes the students. When one looks at all the different kinds of people at Halifax, it's hard to believe that somehow they all work together. We together create a school environment and experience that are unique and that belong to us alone. No other school has that Halifax Viking spirit! All the preps, the jocks, and the plain ole' country folk come together to form one — Halifax Academy, the best!

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Together as Individuals

A True Viking

Perri Stowitts is that smiling senior who really enjoys her school life. A member of Weldon United Methodist Church, Perri enjoys cross-stitching, cooking, and reading. She especially enjoys reading books about people who have overcome handicaps and have become victorious in life.

As editor of the **1982 Voyager,** Perri knows the value of being involved. Perri, the 1981-82 homecoming queen, has been a cheerleader since the eighth grade and is serving her second consecutive term as Student Government secretary. These are just a few of the many activities in which Perri has been involved.

Desiring a career in occupational therapy, Perri plans to attend Peace College and transfer to UNC-Chapel Hill to complete her degree work and then attain her masters. Her hope is to help people "live their own lives and do for themselves."

From High Point, Perri came to Halifax Academy in the fifth grade and has loved her experiences here. She feels fortunate to know everybody and to be afforded a quality education. "It's so easy to get involved in a small school. There's more to education than books," says the radiant senior. Why does Perri encourage involvement? Personally, she says she "can't sit back and watch." She feels that people who don't enjoy school "need to get involved and do something to make school fun." "Activities and my involvement have taught me how to cope with victory and defeat," adds Perri. Certainly, her not "sitting back" has been rewarding to self and others — the spirit of a true Viking!

Donna Louise Browder
Connie Denise Davis
Raymond Pearson Garner, Jr.

Lawrence McGilbra Cutchin, J
Lori Ann Draper
Mary Ann Griffin

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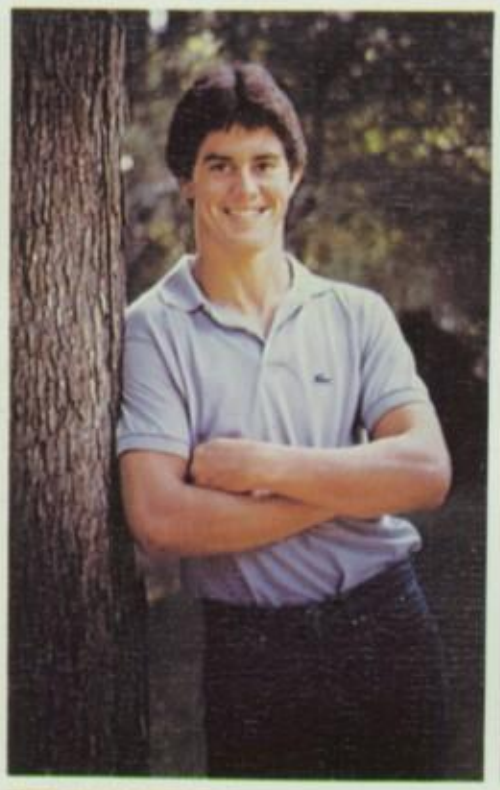

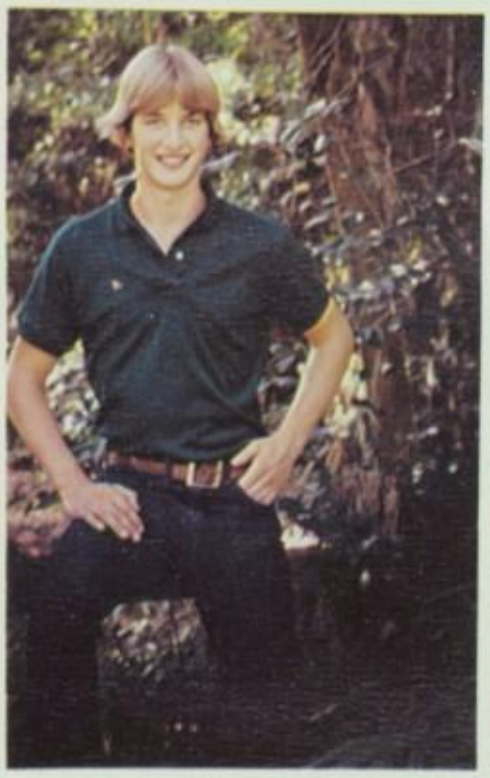

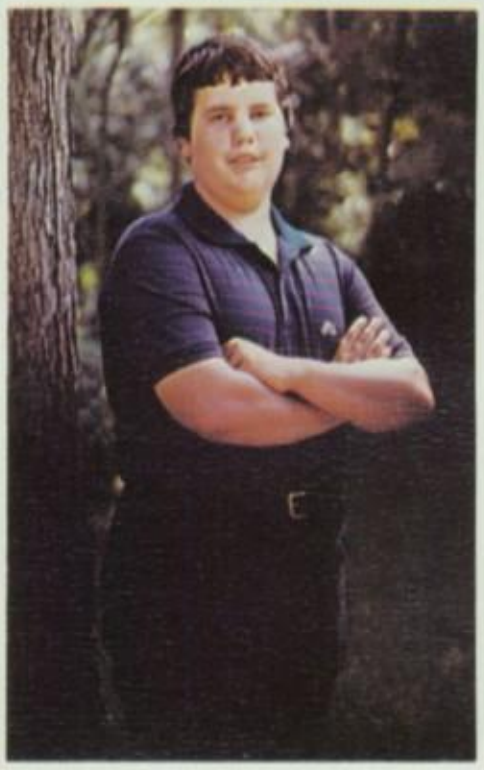

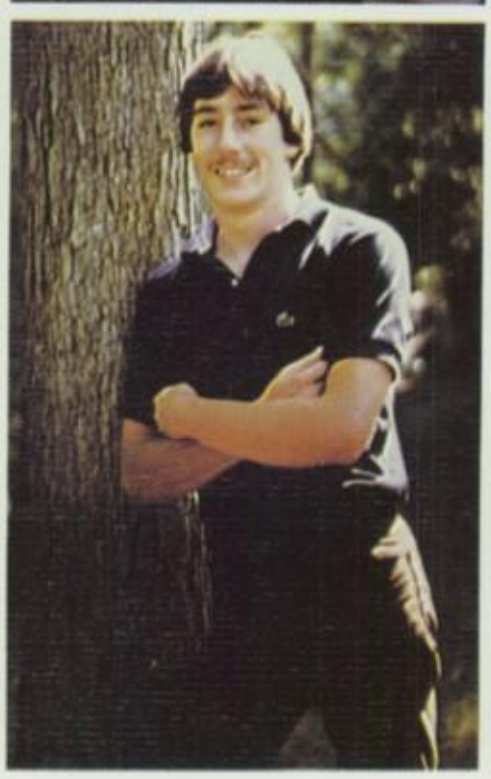

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Edward Ruel Johnston, Jr.
Edward Earl Nelms

Lu Anne Harris
Robin Lynn Jones
Thaddeus Belmont Perry

Robin Elizabeth Hux
Tammy Renee Keeter
John Wesley Poythress

Teresa Louise Johnson
Lisa Carol Moseley
Jo Anne Rightmyer

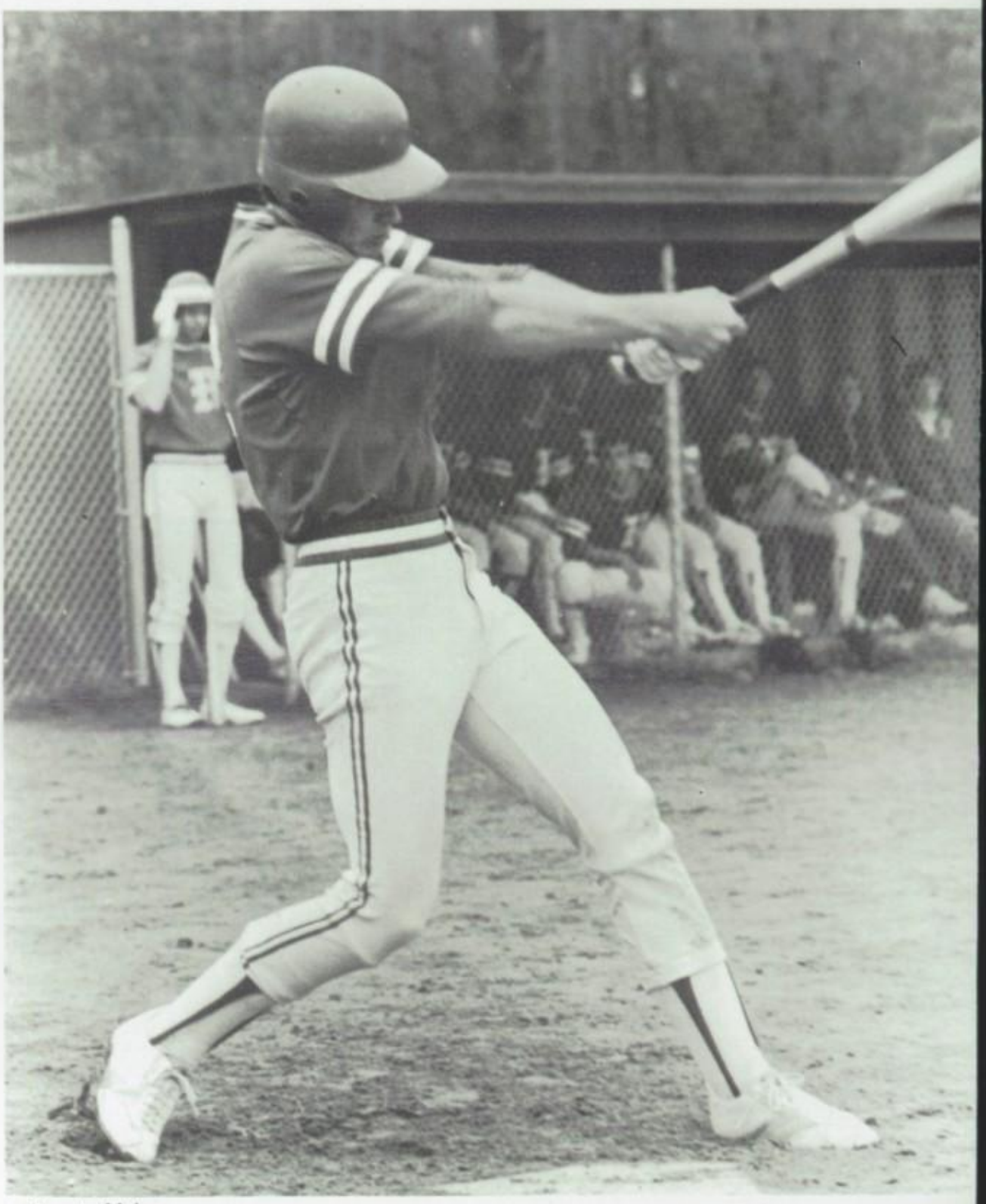
This is our year!

Donna Vaughan, Connie Davis

Donna Vaughan, Teré Su Whitley, Lisa Moseley, Laurie Rudge, Perri Stowitts

Robin Jones, Robin Hux, Donna Vaughan

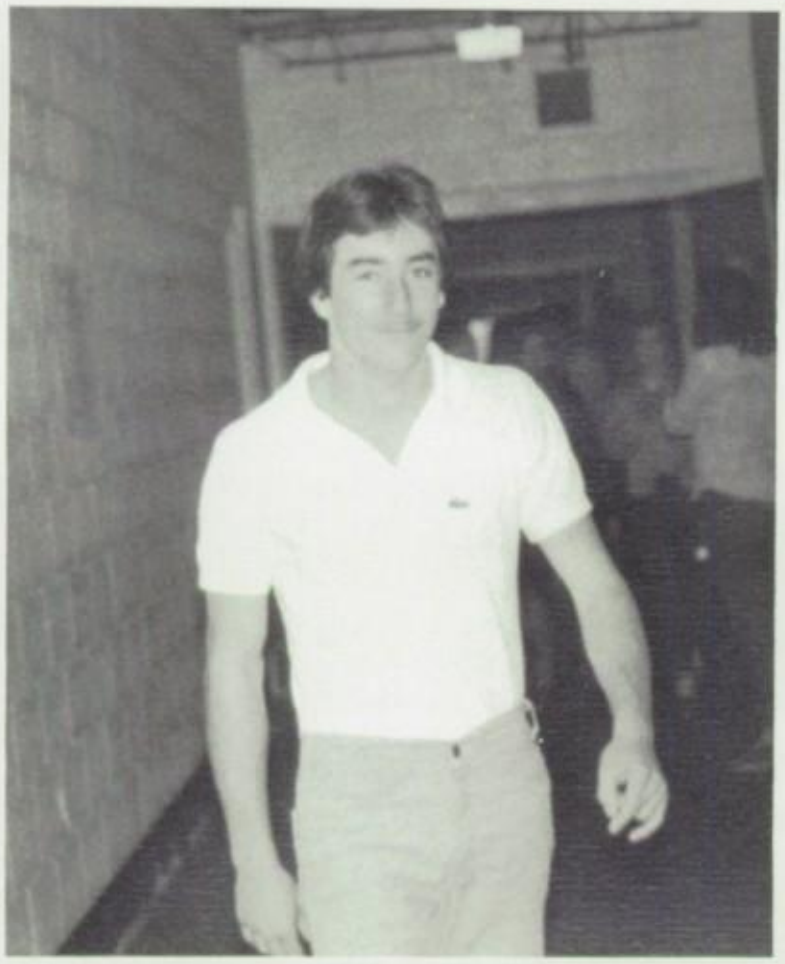
How often it is said that SENIORS DO IT BEST! Someone may wonder what "it" is. Who knows? This action ranges from baseball to Spirit Week during homecoming activities. There's no question that the senior girls went all out for punk rock and even did okay as gangsters. Could it be the sense of seniority that allows individuals to go to such extremes?



Ronnie Hales

Livin' and Learnin'

Strutting down the hall without fear, smiling while reviewing for an upcoming class, gulping down a refreshing Pepsi at break in preparation for Mr. Nelson's third period English IV class . . . that's what senior life is all about!



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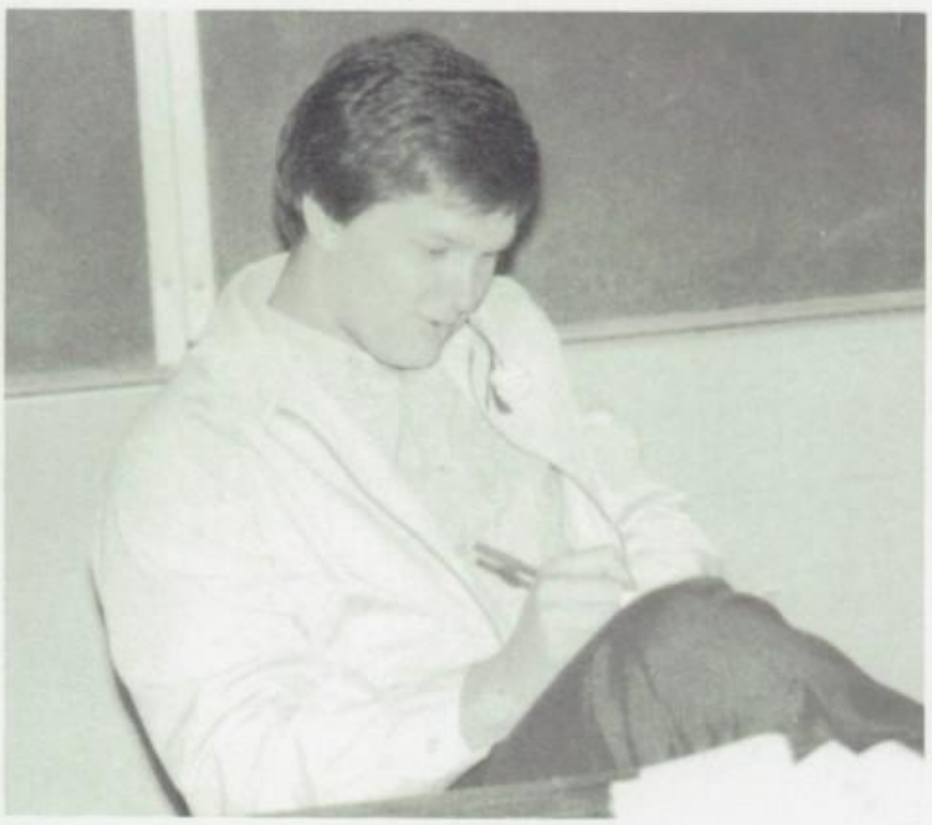


Mr. Rodney Nelson

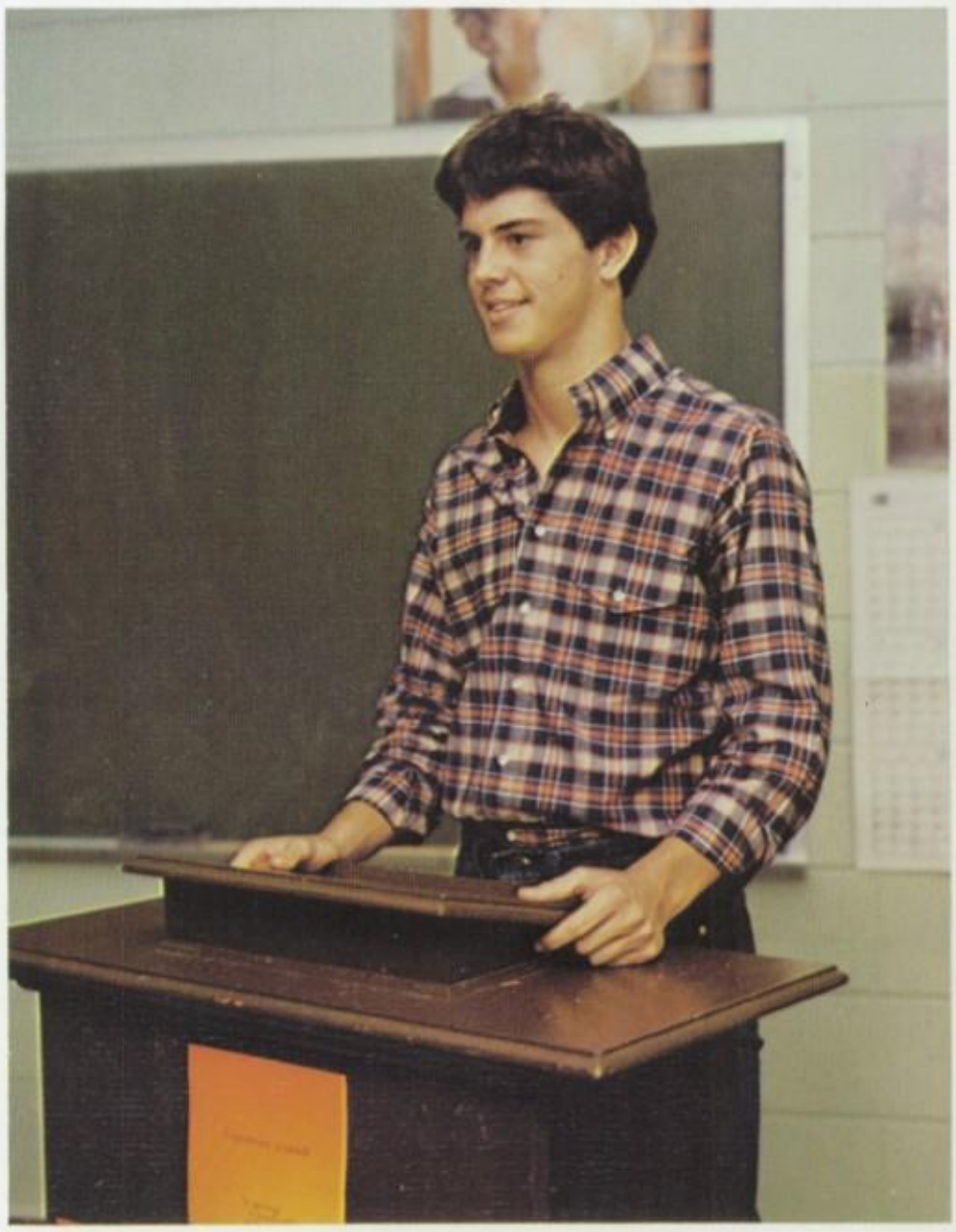
The Lead Player

Being president of the Student Government is not Ronnie Hales' only school activity. He is also president of the Beta Club and the vice-president of the Class of '82. Involved in various other clubs, Ronnie plays football, basketball, and baseball. A hunter, he finds little time for activities outside school. He attends Community Center Baptist Church.

Ronnie plans to attend North Carolina State to major in pulp and paper technology. He considers math his favorite subject.

Having never attended any school other than Halifax Academy, Ronnie finds it difficult to compare his education with that of others. Nevertheless, he is quick to indicate his confidence in the quality education he has received here.

Why has Ronnie become a leader? He feels it relates to his past experiences. Ronnie says, "I like to lead because I know what it's like to be an underclassman who is looking for a leader." Looking back on his past, Ronnie comments, "The future isn't as far away as it seems. I realize now how soon the future arrives. It may seem like forever in the ninth grade, but wait until the senior year comes. It's so important to be concerned in those early years."



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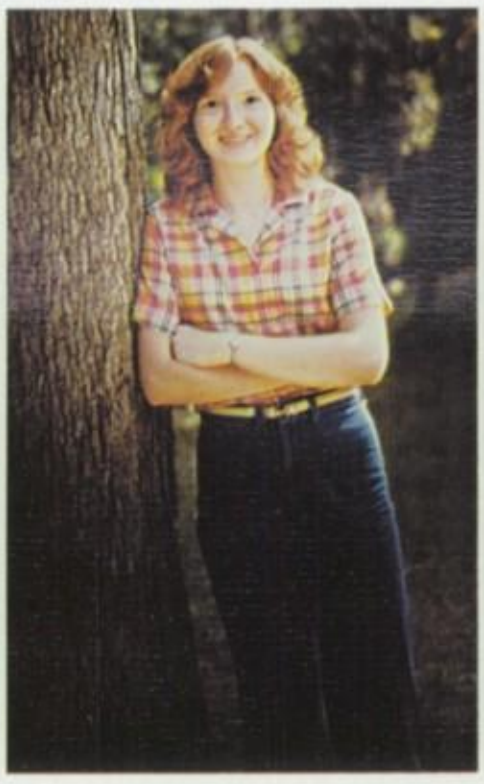

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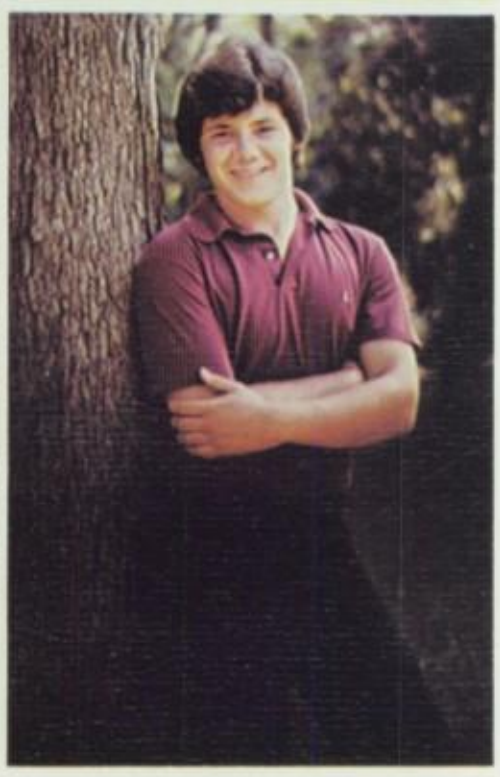

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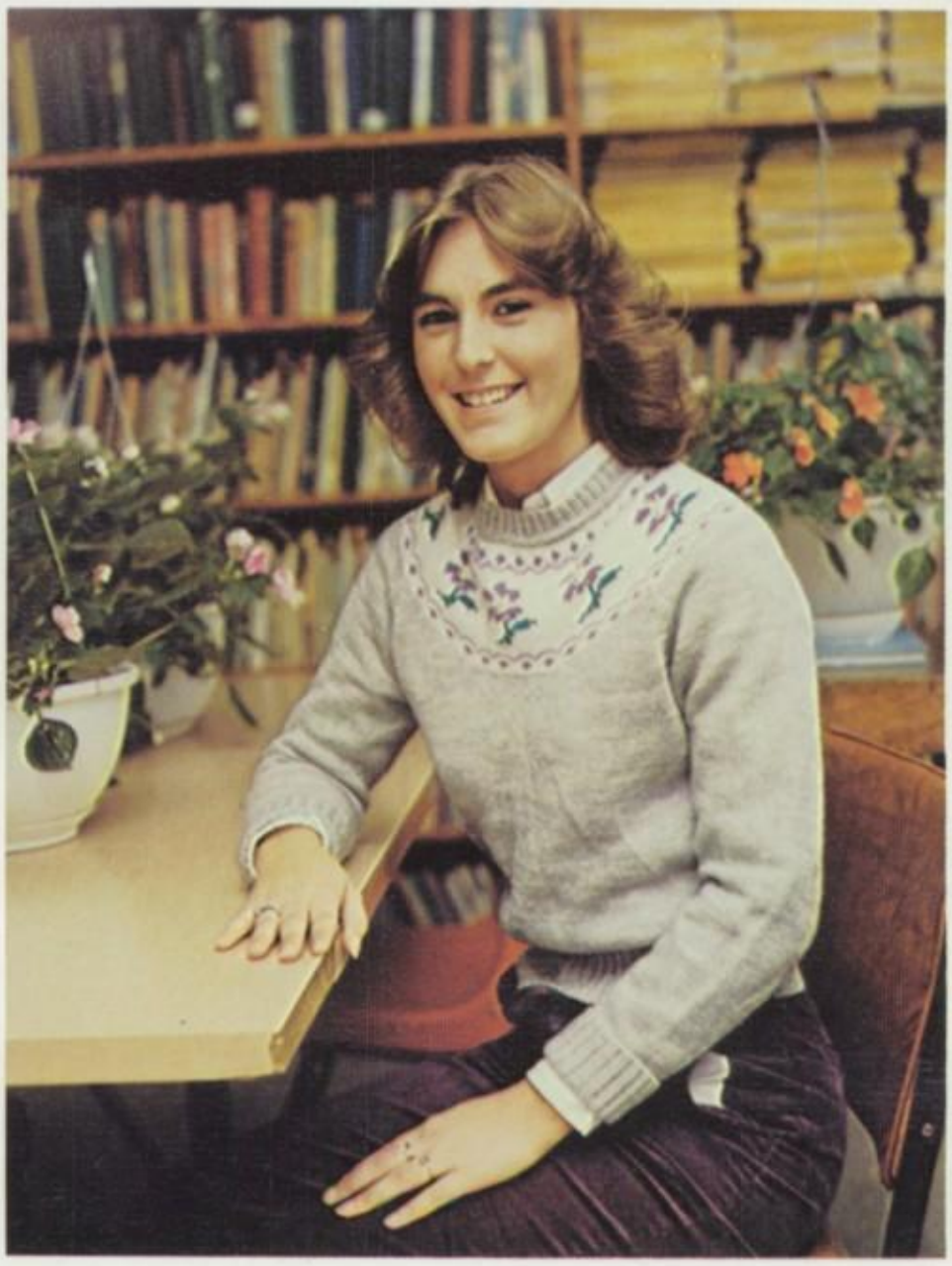


The Best Possible

"I'm just a people person; I really love people," says the mild-mannered but enthusiastic Tammy White. She is a young person with definite plans for her future. Because of her love for people and her concern for the welfare of humanity, Tammy desires to enter East Carolina this fall and work toward acceptance into the physical therapy program. She sees this as an opportunity to work directly with people.

Tammy is secretary of the Anchor Club and serves as the senior class representative to the Student Government. Tammy enjoys water sports, travel, and friendship. She dreams of a trip to Hawaii and to Aspen, Colorado.

Tammy has attended Halifax Academy her entire educational career. "Everybody's close here. It's like one big family. The teachers are so helpful," says this proud Viking. In fact, she isn't crazy about graduation and says she would enjoy "going through school here again." Her favorite subject is English — especially writing and studying literature. Tammy says, "I love to analyze literary works. It's great to relate literature to my life's experiences." The involvement and enthusiasm of Tammy White could be the reasons she says Halifax Academy has offered her what she feels is the "best education possible."

Gil Cutchin, Thad Perry, Steve Vincent

Eddie Nelms, Hope Snell

I'm So Glad We Finally Made It

It's almost over. A vast building with that traditional stage, bleachers, and chairs silently awaits to envelope us, the sunset of a day well spent. Now, amidst a sea of warm, tearful embraces and "I'msogladwefinallymadeitbutlordyhowI'llmissya," a softly colored mist creeps in around us. It is a remembrance of all that is behind. It is a time of nostalgia, a time to reminisce.

And here we sit over our half-finished Cokes and our seriously depleted bank books in anticipation of a long-awaited journey to a city of sun and fun, musing over the trivia that has cluttered our lives and, at the same time, has delighted us so.

For some, there are memories of sweltering, smelling locker rooms, the taste of victory yet with us, agitation and triumph searing our souls. Somehow the agony of defeat escapes our memories just now . . . ah, the ambition of youth. Others recall rushing to that joyous after-school occupation while others hear the roaring crowds.
We smile.

Our Coke is running out.

"Do you remember when we all . . .

"Yeah, that was really something."

"And how about the time . . . ?"

"Of course, how could I forget . . . ?"

Subtleties. Too many to count, but not at all unimportant. These are the things of life, the things through which we have learned and grown, the things which make us human. We smile, but from inside now . . . a modest satisfaction.

Jo Anne Rightmyer, Sherry Walker

But Lordy How I'll Miss Ya!

We're all grown up and preparing to make a path out there, in stern defiance of all obstacles. Our desire to achieve, to have, to be, knows no boundaries, and only we can fix the limits of our achievements. Failure is inconceivable. So we stuff our bank books back in our frayed pockets, and we sit on our grief, but not without smiling.

"How about another Coke?"

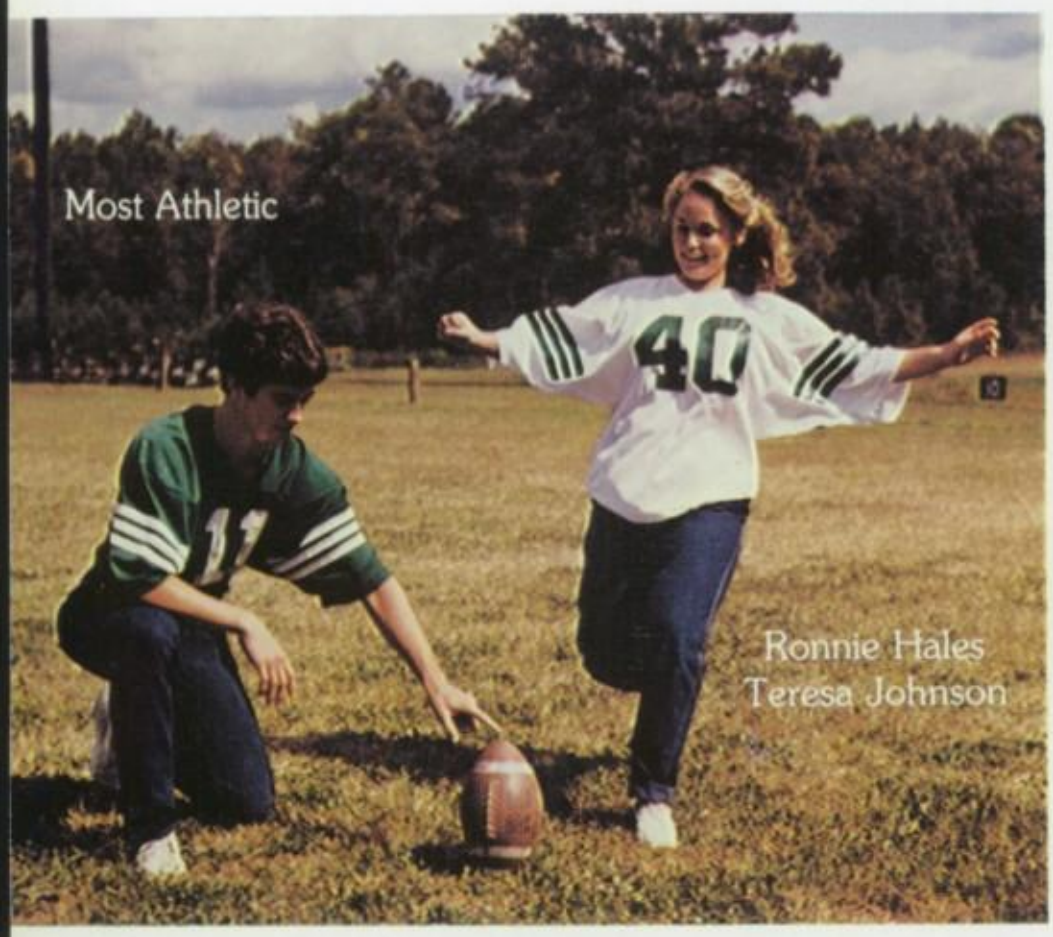
"No, thanks. I gotta run."

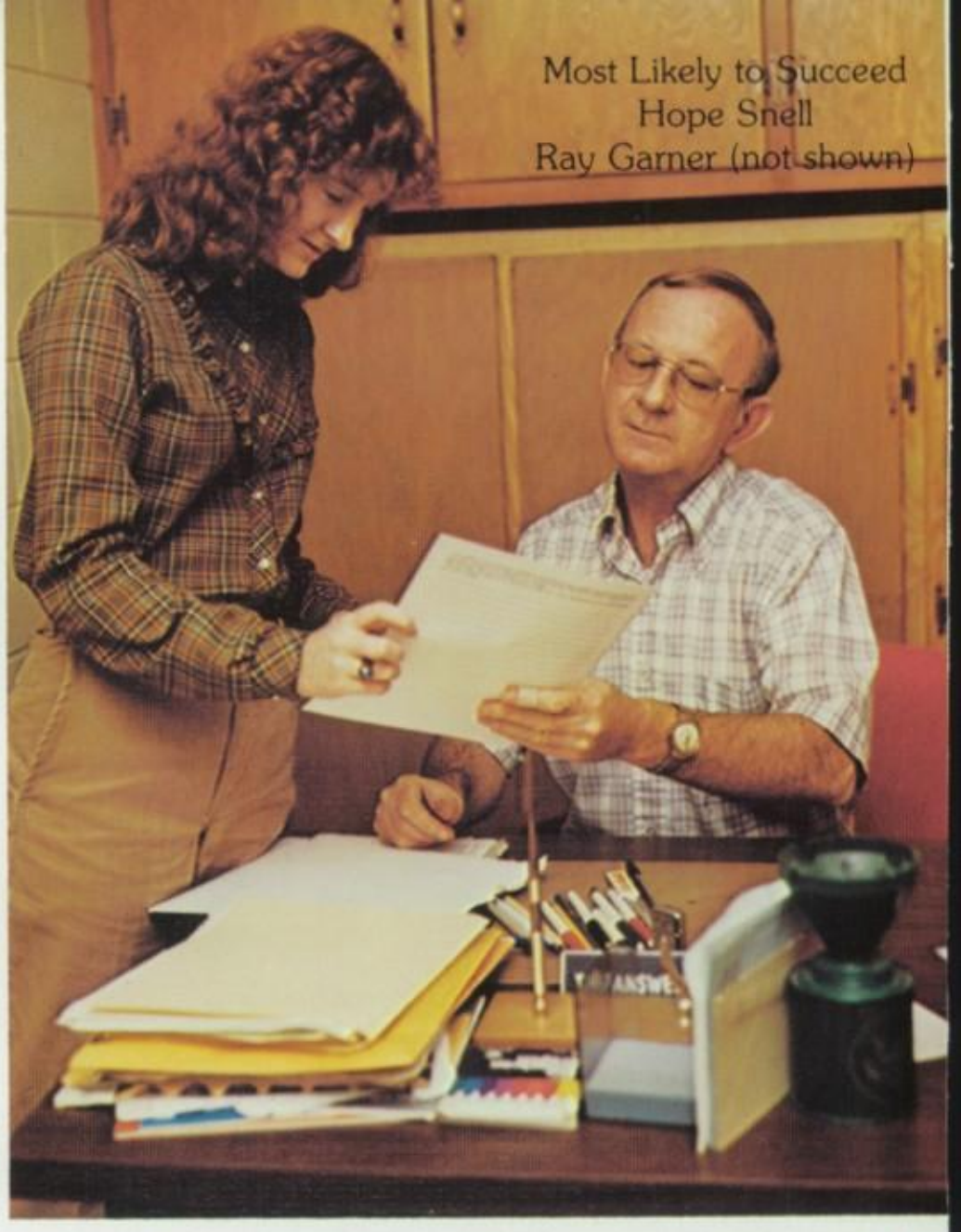
It is almost dark out. Some will go on home; some will stay and talk with us a little longer, savoring the lingering sweetness of the hour. We wish to remember, to be remembered. We have made our mark at Halifax Academy, and now we forge ahead into a busy world of looming skyscrapers and "ThanksI'lltakeitwithme." Struggling for all we need and desire, hungry for success, we will yearn for our innocence, an innocence of long ago, and we will return to the pleasantry of our yesteryear for a sweet taste of today.

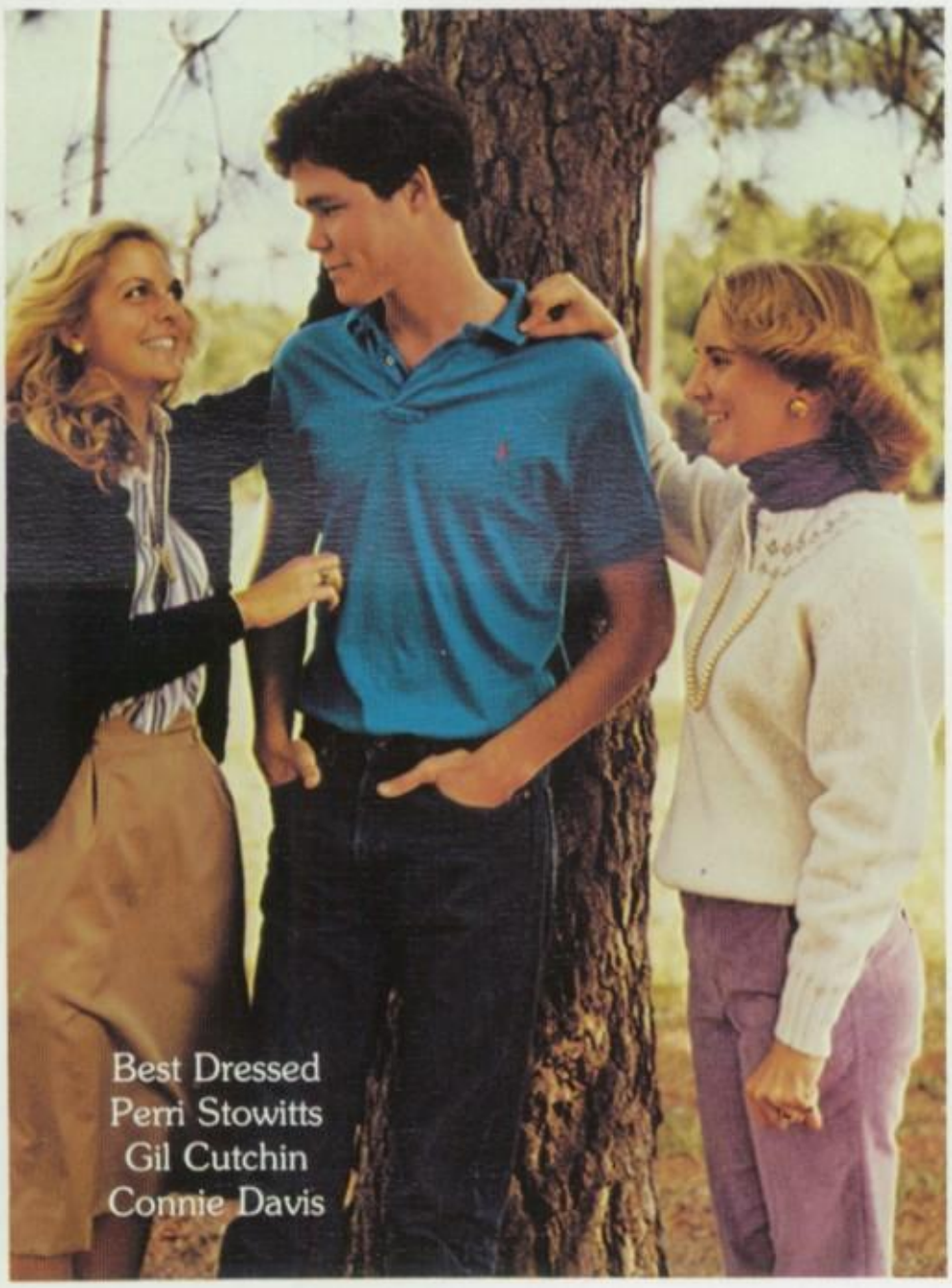
A muted gray fog permeates our minds and settles all around us, in our hair, at our feet. We laugh. We cry. Today is almost gone. It draws to a close, but our memories will outlive all boundaries of time and space, and as the horizon darkens, we are enlightened . . . we know we will begin again. Yes, it's almost over, but it's only beginning. We have a new day, a new hope. We'll call it "tomorrow."

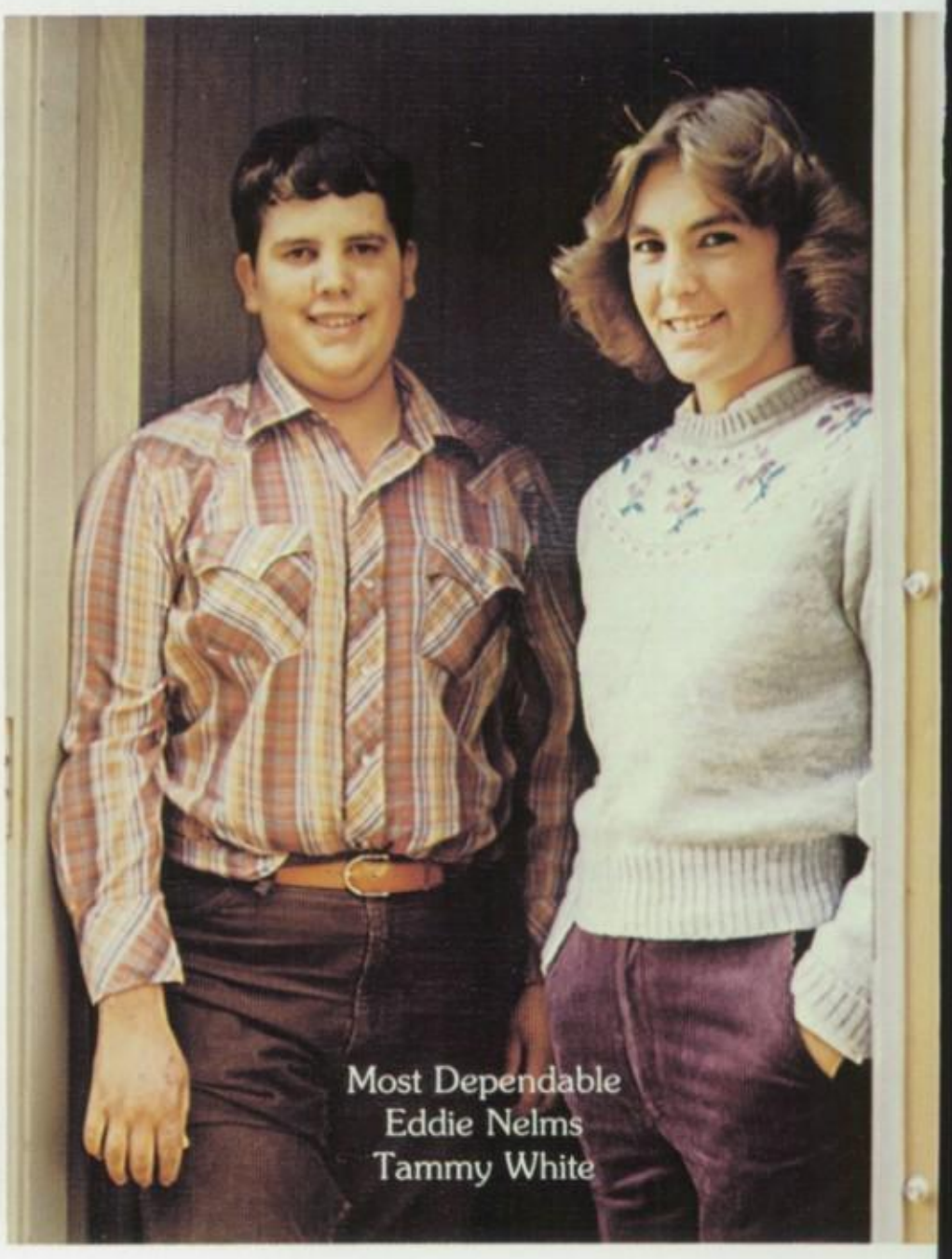
Elected by the class, these are the

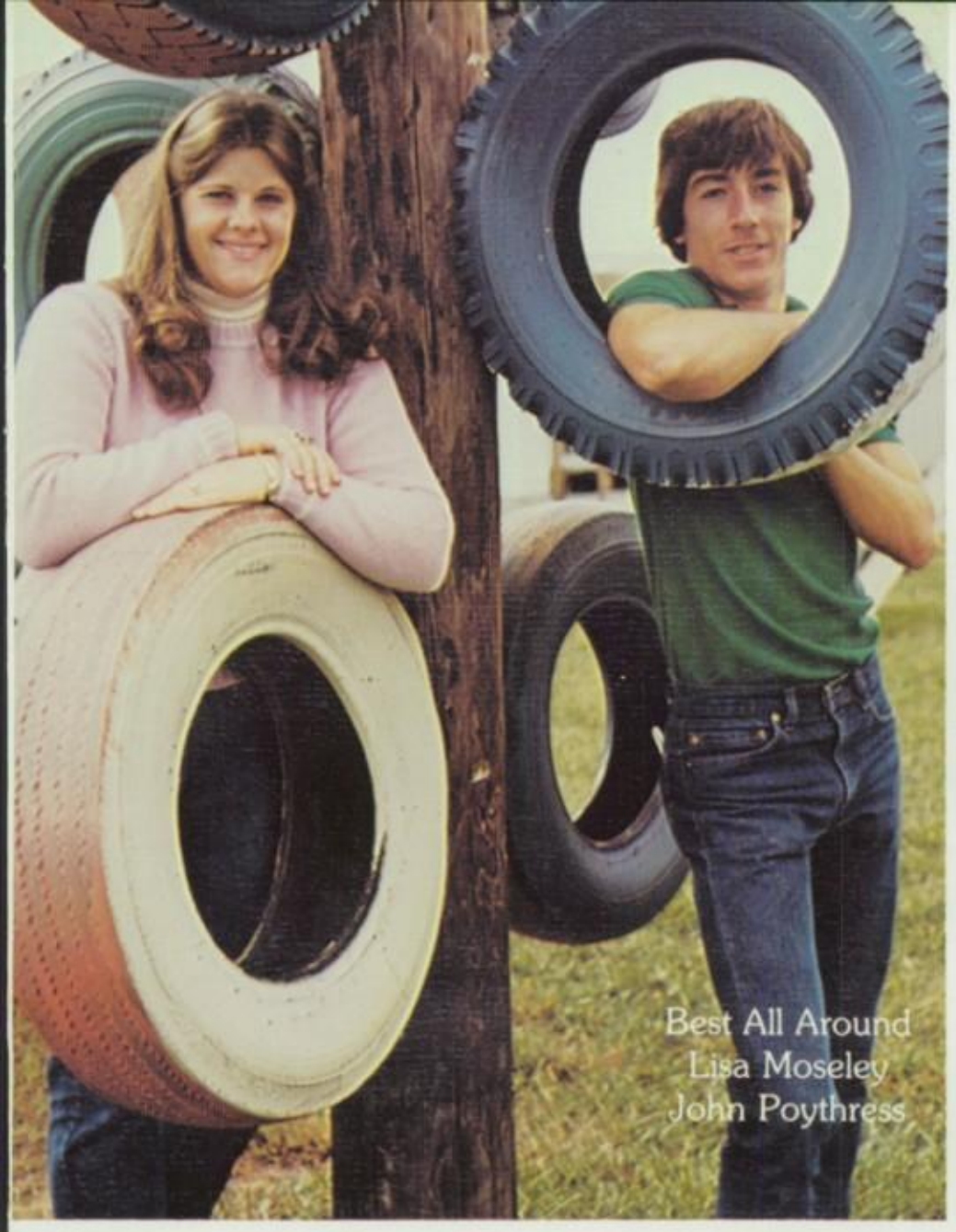
Senior Superlatives







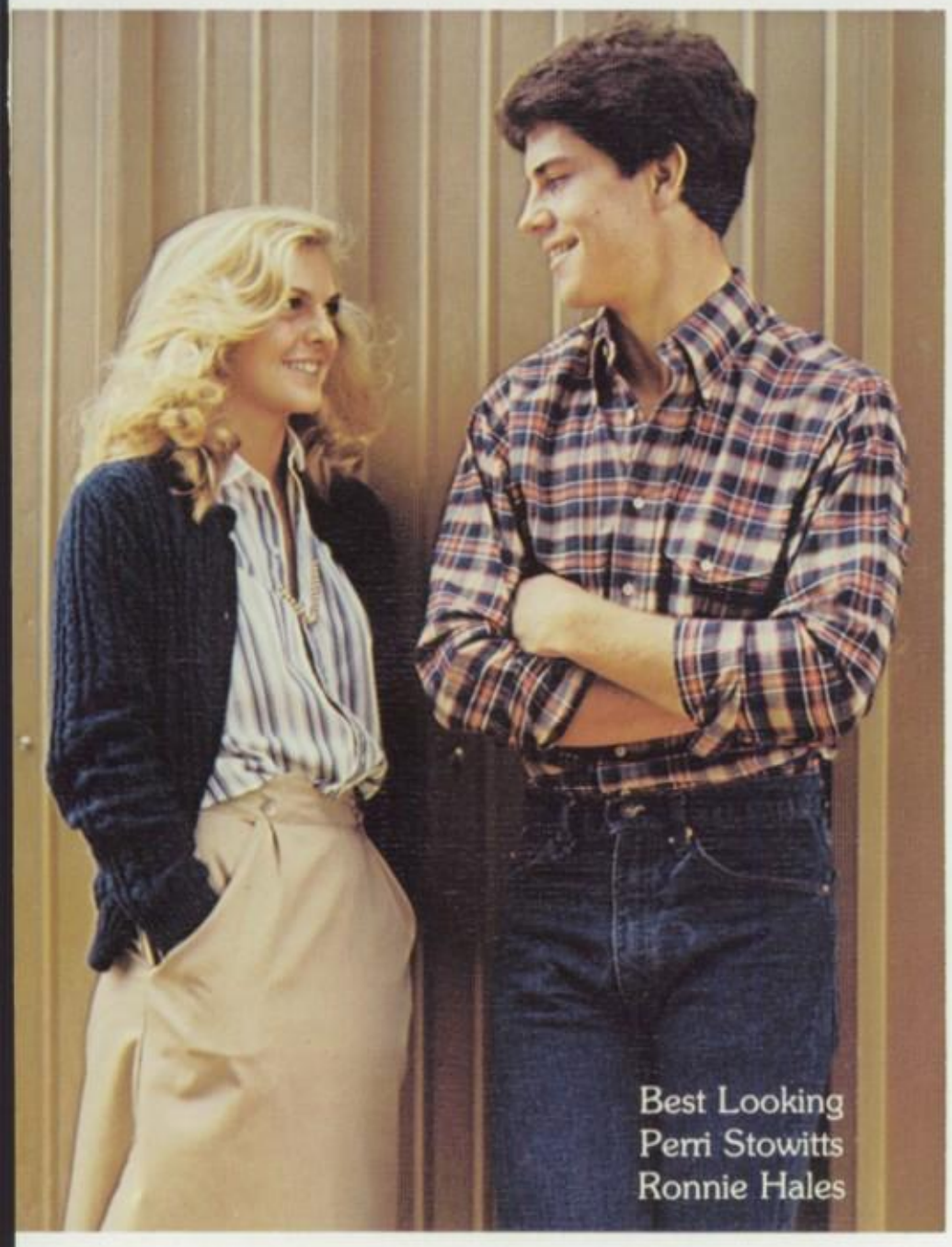




Best All Around
Lisa Moseley
John Poythress

Friendliest

Betsy Shearin
Ray Garner (not shown)



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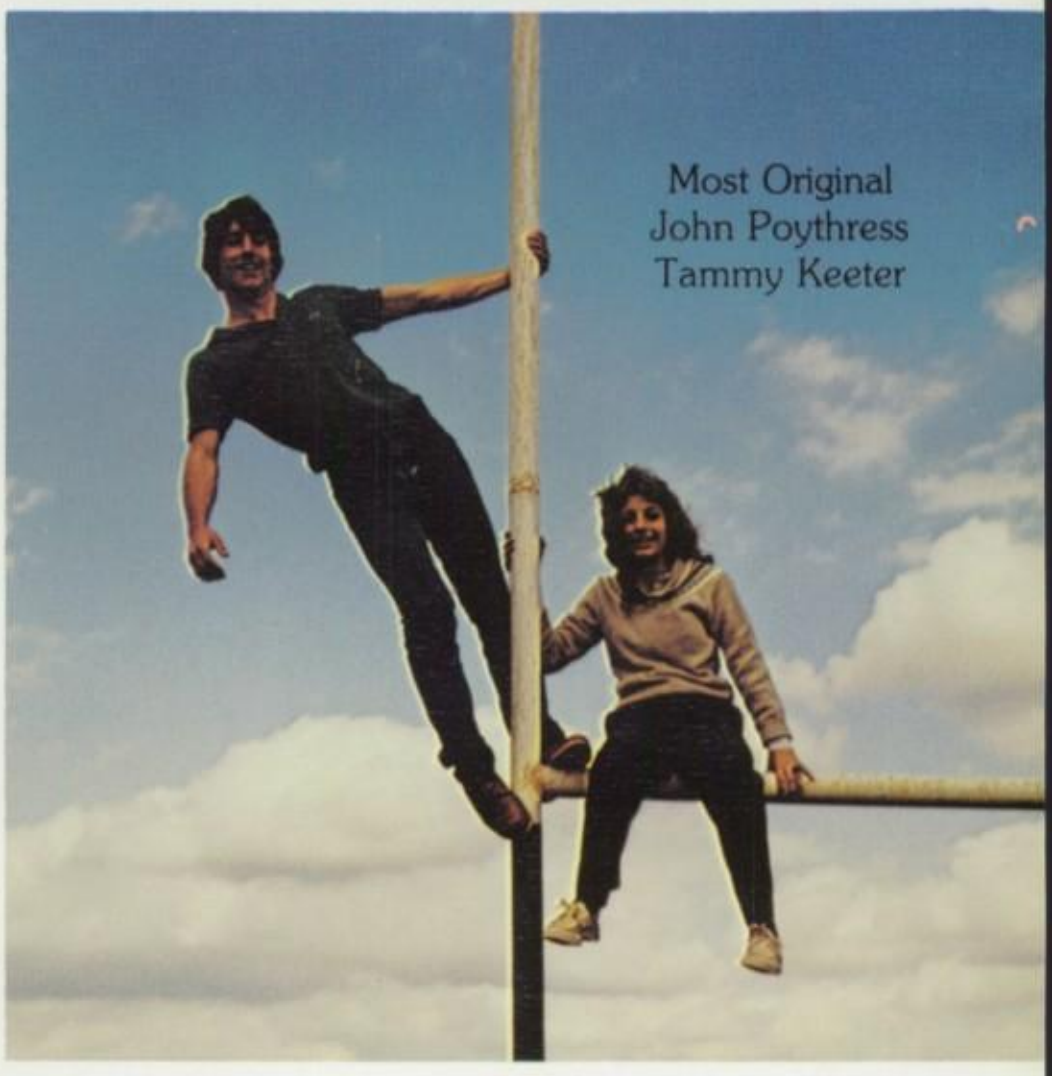
Perri Stowitts
Ronnie Hales

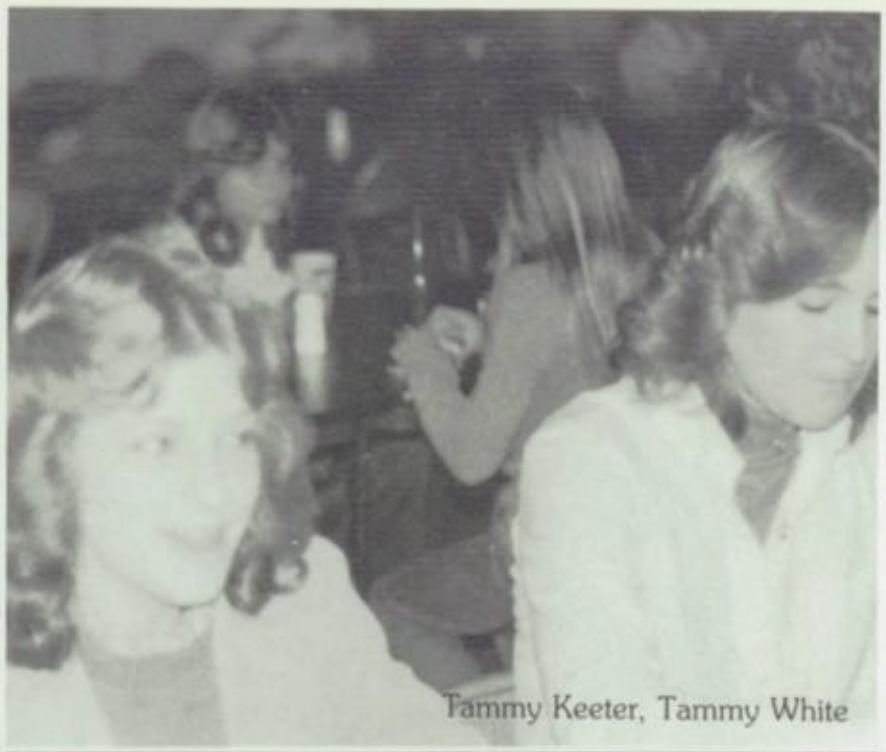


Most Original
John Poythress
Tammy Keeter

Betsy Shearin, Hope Snell

Steve Vincent, Freshman Cindy Shearin

Tammy White, Connie Davis



Tammy Keeter, Tammy White

Laurie Rudge

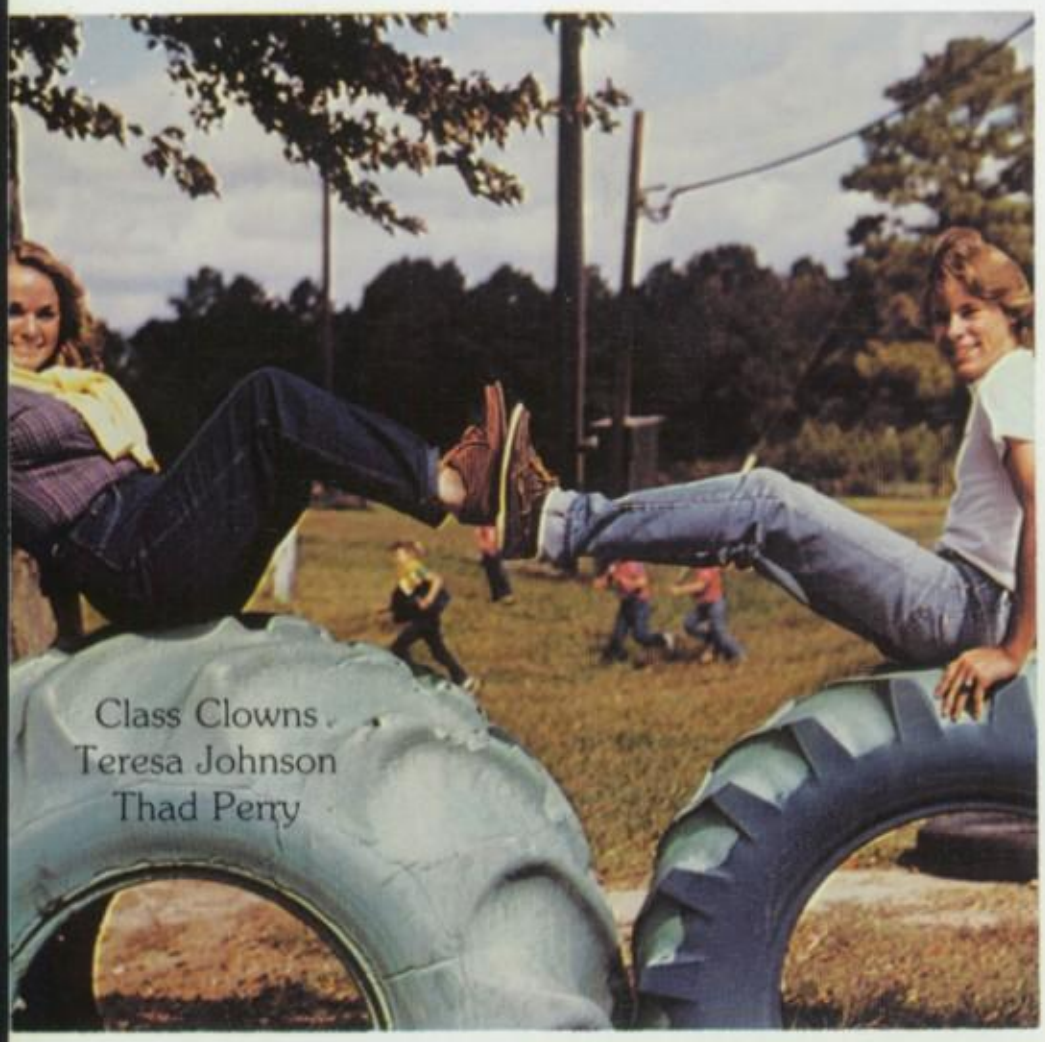
Mrs. Geraldine Spragins, John Poythress

Bits 'n Pieces

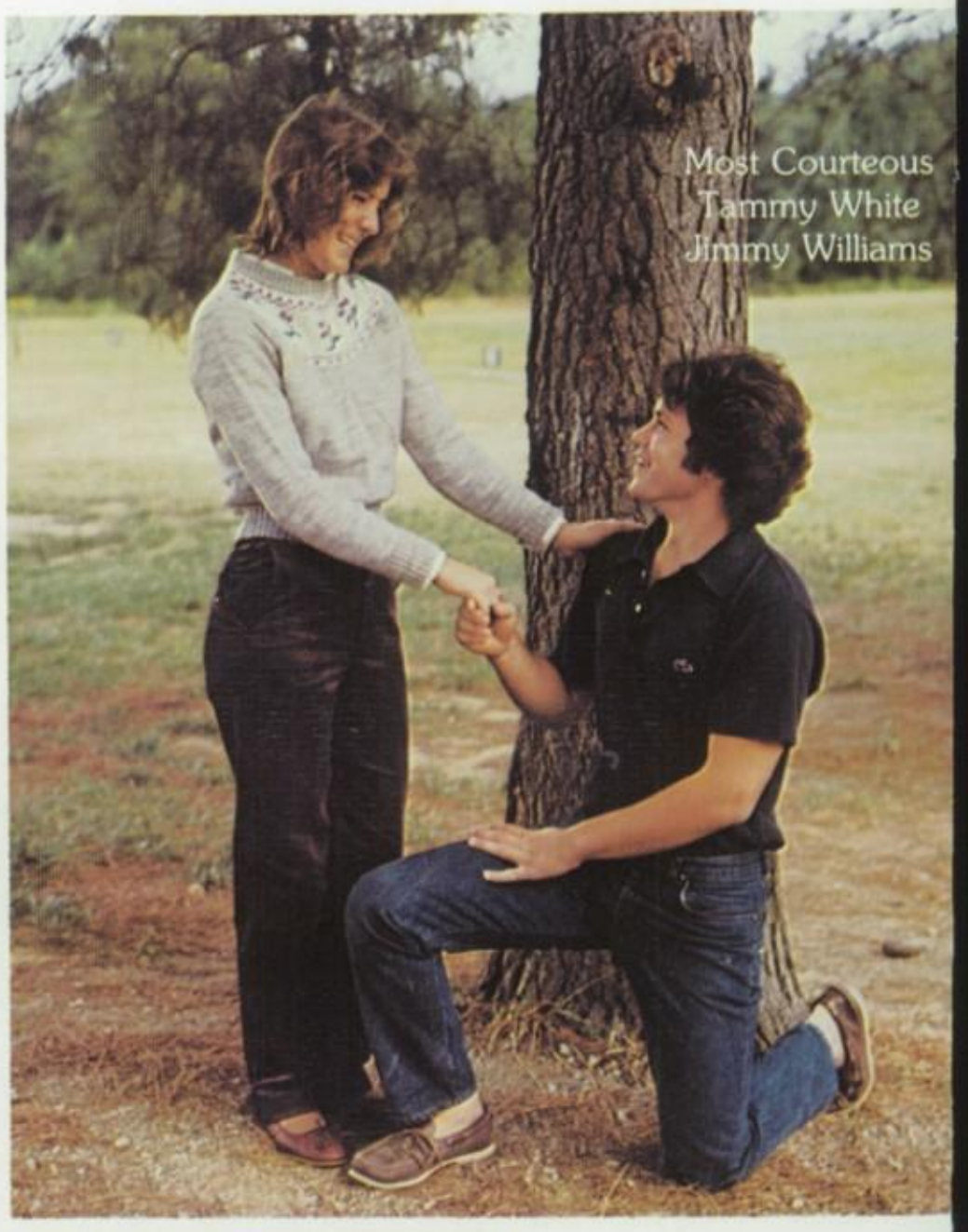
Let's face it . . . I'm so-o-o-o sorry . . . You bat . . . I tell-l-l you . . . bump it . . . gosh pete . . . Look darling . . . You're a real babe . . . Let's shag . . . That's peachy . . . Ugh, that's gross! . . . Hey, man, I get your drift . . . the beach . . . Get away . . . Brooke Shields . . . No courting on school grounds . . . Did you see what she was wearing? . . . He is so-o-o-o cute . . . I'll meet ya at the Pizza Hut . . . That's wild! . . . She's a bad mama jama . . . What is your problem? . . . Well, if that's the way you get your jollies . . . I'm really punchy . . . Whip it! . . . I can deal . . . That's tacky . . . **Endless Love** . . . **Arthur** . . . the BIG . . . Vikings . . . will win . . . good-bye '82 . . . Seniors do it best . . . The Embers . . . exam exemptions . . . I know what you wanna see! . . . Rick James . . . freaks . . . preps . . . jocks . . . rednecks . . . Fast Fare . . . She's a very kinky girl . . . No sitting in cars . . . Becker Village . . . the lake . . . Anna's . . . skippin' . . . punk rock . . . **Elvira** . . . Miss Piggy . . . The Plaza . . . college . . . decisions . . . Magnum . . . Christie Brinkley . . . caps and gowns . . . term papers . . . invitations . . . puppy love . . . fenderbenders . . . prom . . . yearbooks . . . ohmigod it's over . . . This is it! . . . June fourth . . . good-bye . . . I'll miss you . . . last farewell . . . to the beach . . . Color me gone.

And there are more

Senior Superlatives



Class Clowns
Teresa Johnson
Thad Perry



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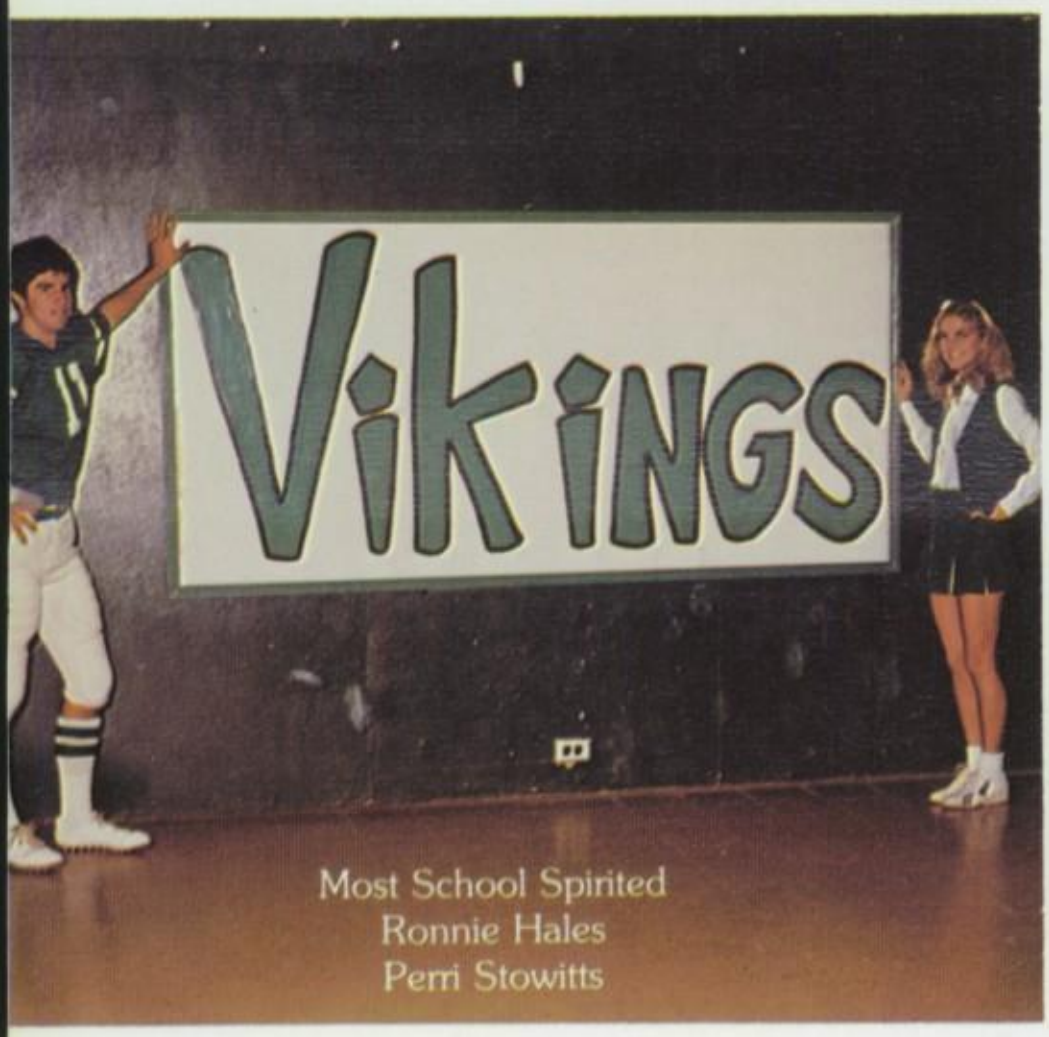
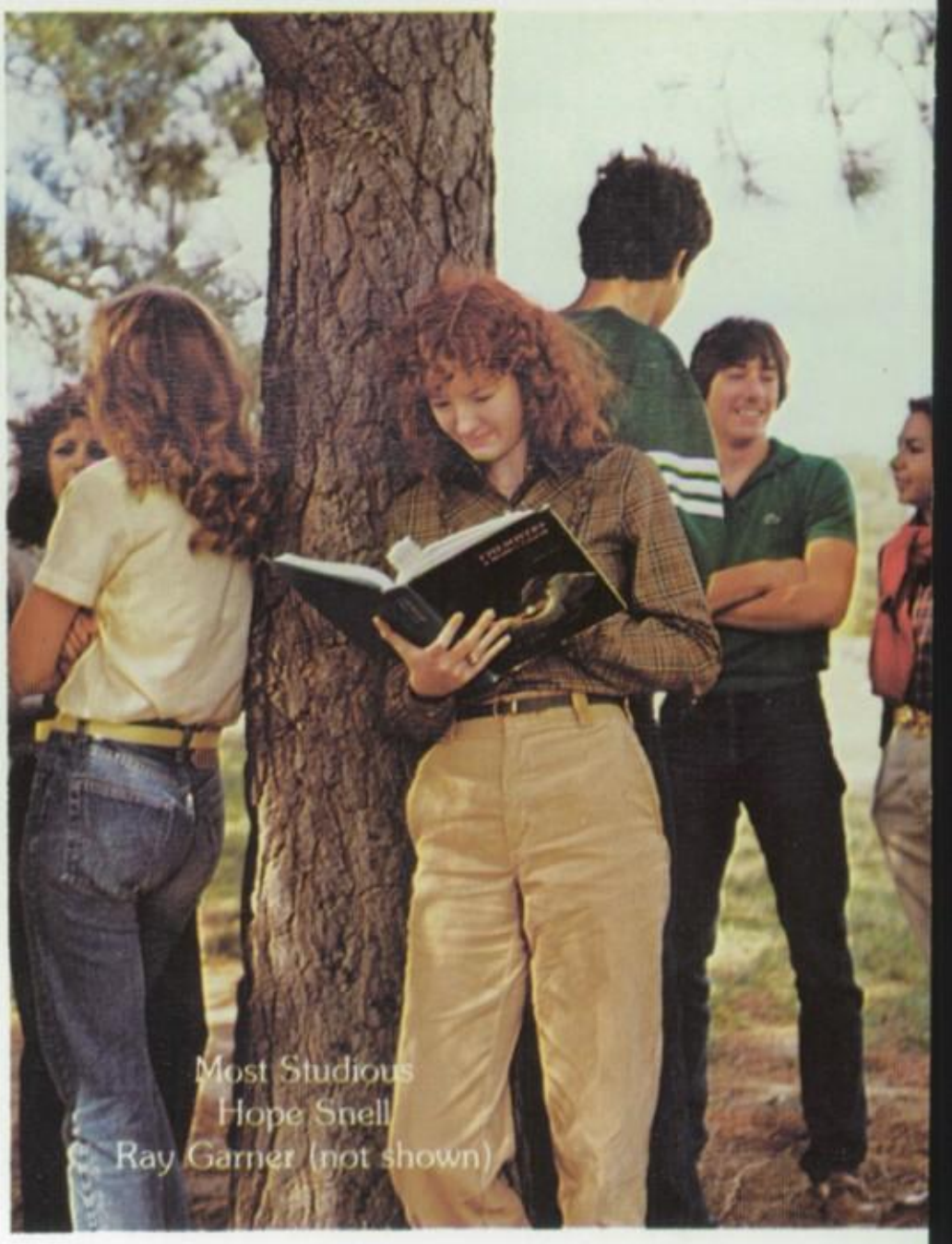
Tammy White
Jimmy Williams



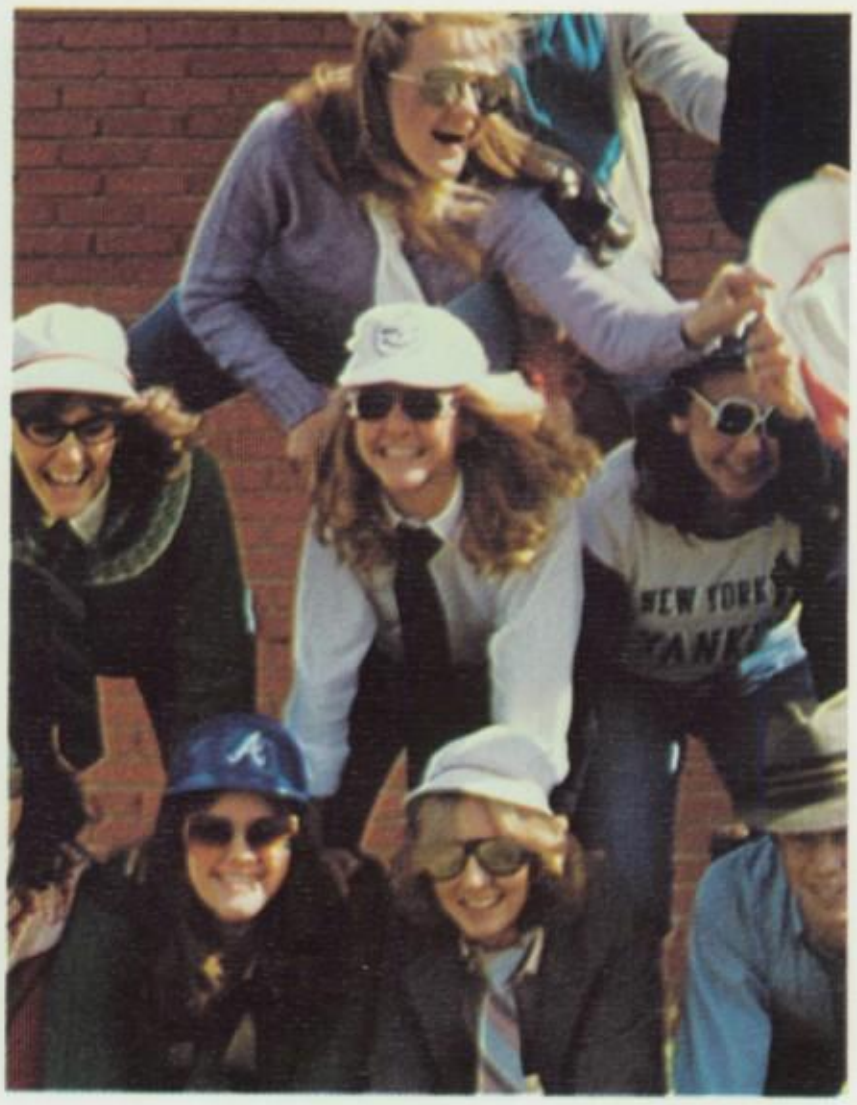
Most School Spirited
Ronnie Hales
Perri Stowitts

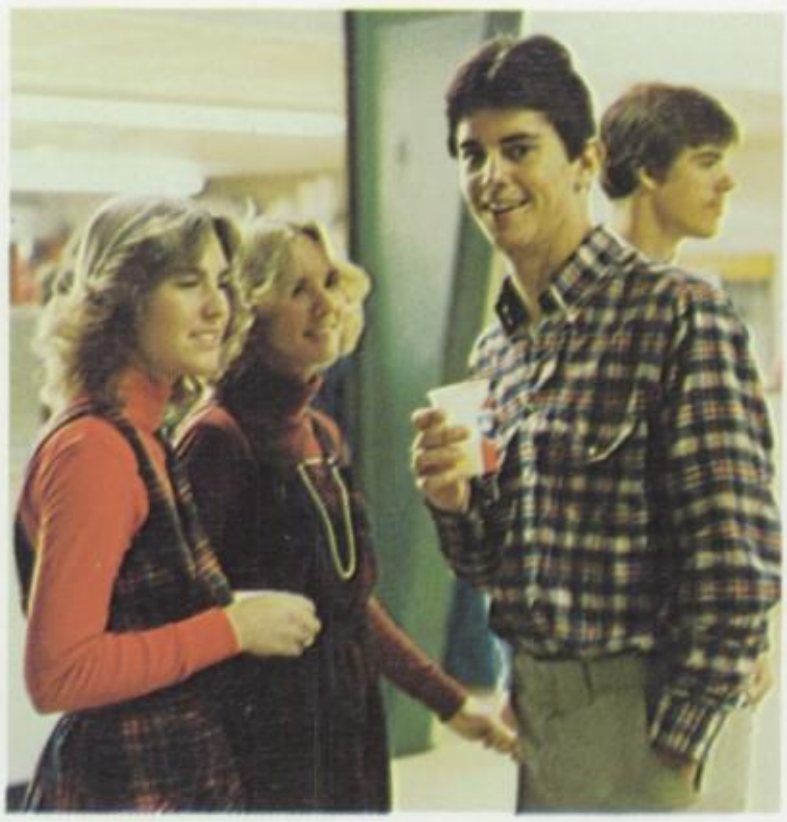


Most Studious
Hope Snell
Ray Garner (not shown)

What A Week!

Yes, it's settled! Our senior gals are punk rock experts! And they can even look "peachy" in hats, ties, and glasses! But those hushbuttons . . . that they couldn't conquer! Pep rallies . . . that's back on our track! The excitement of Spirit Week captivates practically everyone. This year was no exception as the seniors got into the act. Homecoming is just one of those events in the life of a senior . . . one of those not to be forgotten. Homecoming 1981 was great . . . the dressing, the cheering, the chatting.





Junior Class

Paige Birdsong
Betsy Brewer
Jeanean Burgess
Beth Burnette
Cindy Burnside
Ricky Cobb
Tony Copeland
Rhonda DeBerry

Ted Garner
Ronald Hale
Tammy Harris
Donna Horne

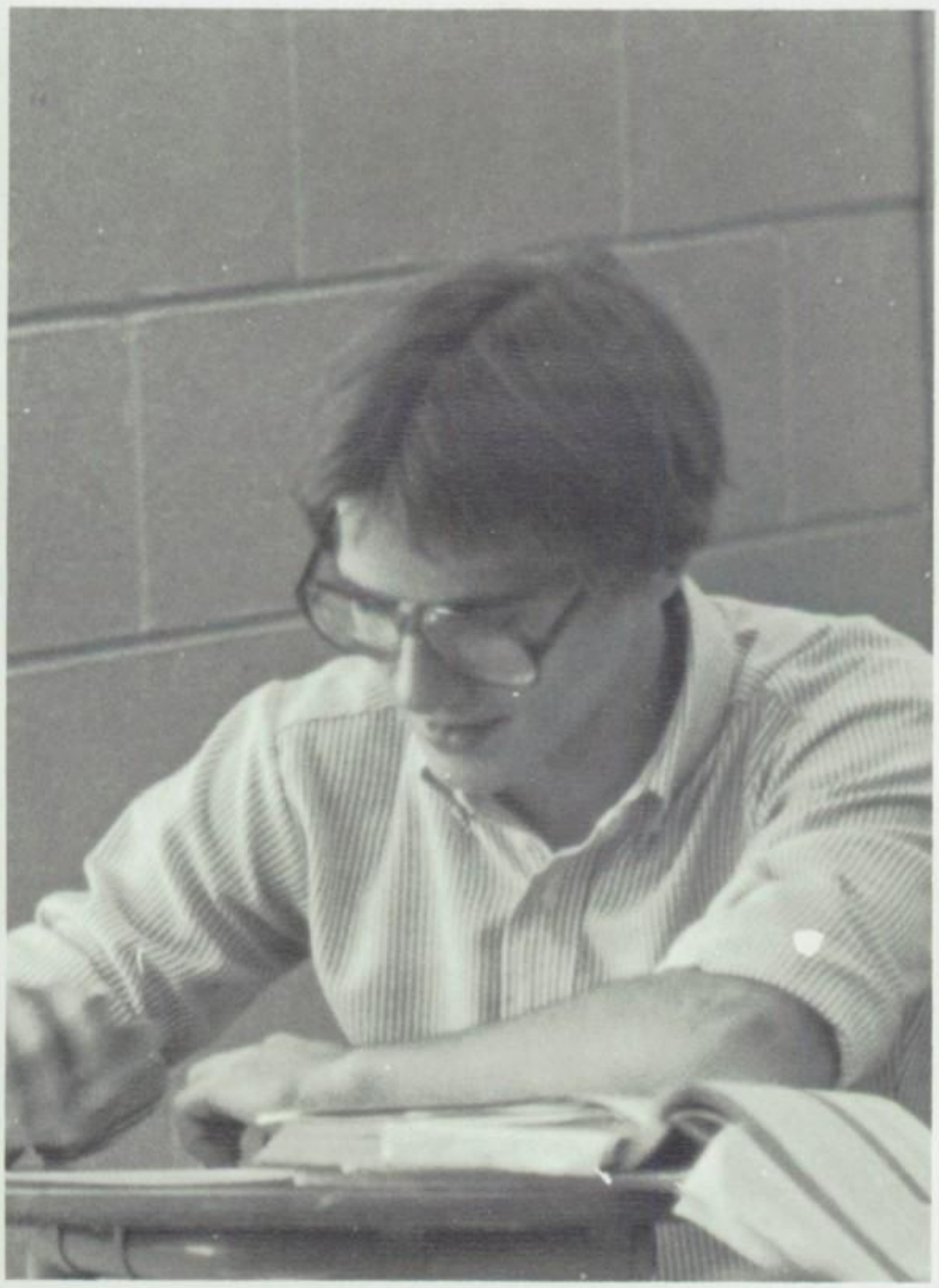
One More Step

Class rings, PSAT and SAT, college applications, class meeting after class meeting, the prom — these were all new experiences for the Class of '83. The junior year marked one step closer toward graduation and that so-called ultimate freedom! The year was a bewildering one. As the year developed, the juniors became more confident. Yes, this year the class was steppin' up near the top. School spirit and involvement were parts of a year that the juniors claimed, "We made the best of it!"

Debbie Warren

Stephanie Johnston
Darryl Keener
Mickey Liles
Ginnie Mims

Jeff Ottinger
Denise Patton
Michelle Ross
Ghi Suiter
Steve Viverette
Debbie Warren
Bryan Williams
Angie Wood



Ghi Suiter

Tammy Harris, Michelle Ross

Stephanie Johnston

Class Officers: Ted Garner, S.G.A. representative; Tammy Harris, treasurer; Debbie Warren, secretary; Michelle Ross, president; Paige Birdsong, vice-president.

Sophomore Class

Wayne Barlowe
Tammy Bohannon
Yvonne Butts
Wendy Byrum

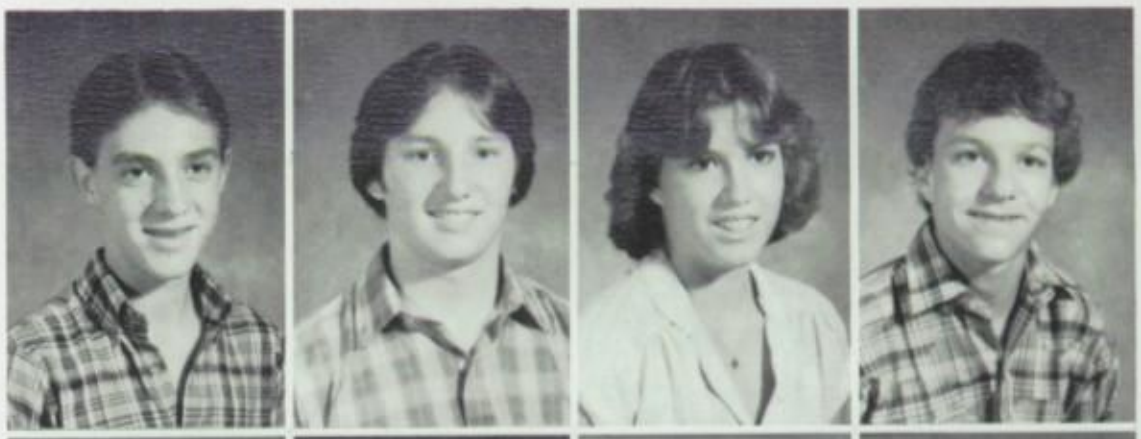
Al Cooke
Chris Copeland
Mary Dunning
Missy Gardiner

Getting Involved

Who are those girls who often seem so silly? Who are those guys who often seem to be caught in the middle? The best guess is that those girls and guys are members of the Sophomore Class. This is the year that provides the chance to be involved, but sophomores are often trapped. There is a decision to be made. Will the sophomore act as a member of the younger or older group? Sooner or later the feeling of being involved creates a feeling of security for the sophomore.

Class Officers: Laura Jenkins, president; Kathy Shaw, vice-president; Ellen Page, secretary; Beverly Smith, S.G.A. representative; Chris Copeland, treasurer (not shown).

Bert Garner
Jimmy Grant
Melissa Gupton
Mark Harper



Wendy Harris
Charles Hockaday
David Inscoe
Laura Jenkins

Ruth Jenkins
Michael Jones
Gina Mehl
Linda Miles
Mark Miles

Ellen Page
John Rhea
Tommy Riggan
Kathy Shaw
Sybil Shearin

Curt Shelton
Beverly Smith
Mike Smith
Wes Taylor
Eddie Williams

Yvonne Butts

Ellen Page, Wes Taylor

Michael Jones

Freshman Class

Les Abshire
David Browder
Wendy Bunch
Lori Edwards
Joseph ("Toot") Elias
Steve Evans
Shawn Gardner
Lisa Garner

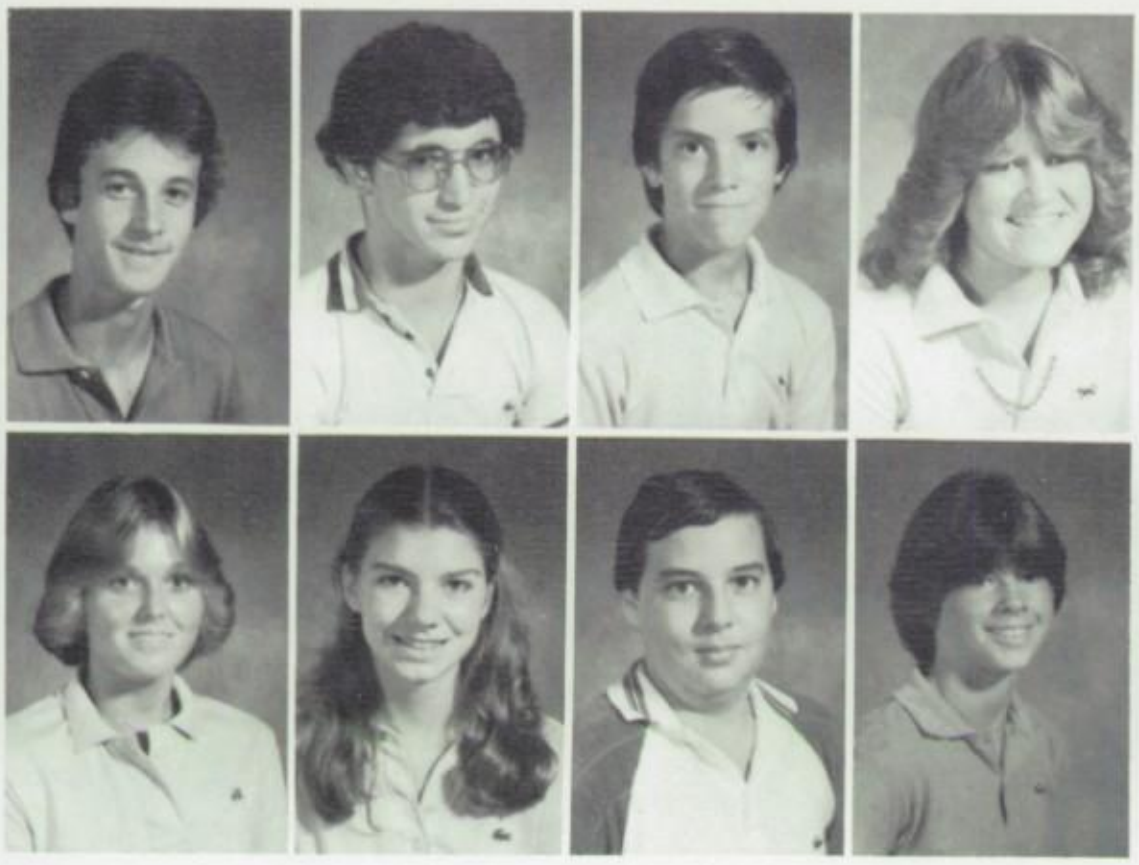
Melvin Green
Dawn Lee Griffin
Ramona Hale
Rhonda Hardy
Shelia Johnson
Lynn Joyner
Monray Joyner
Sharon Keener

Spirited! That's Us!

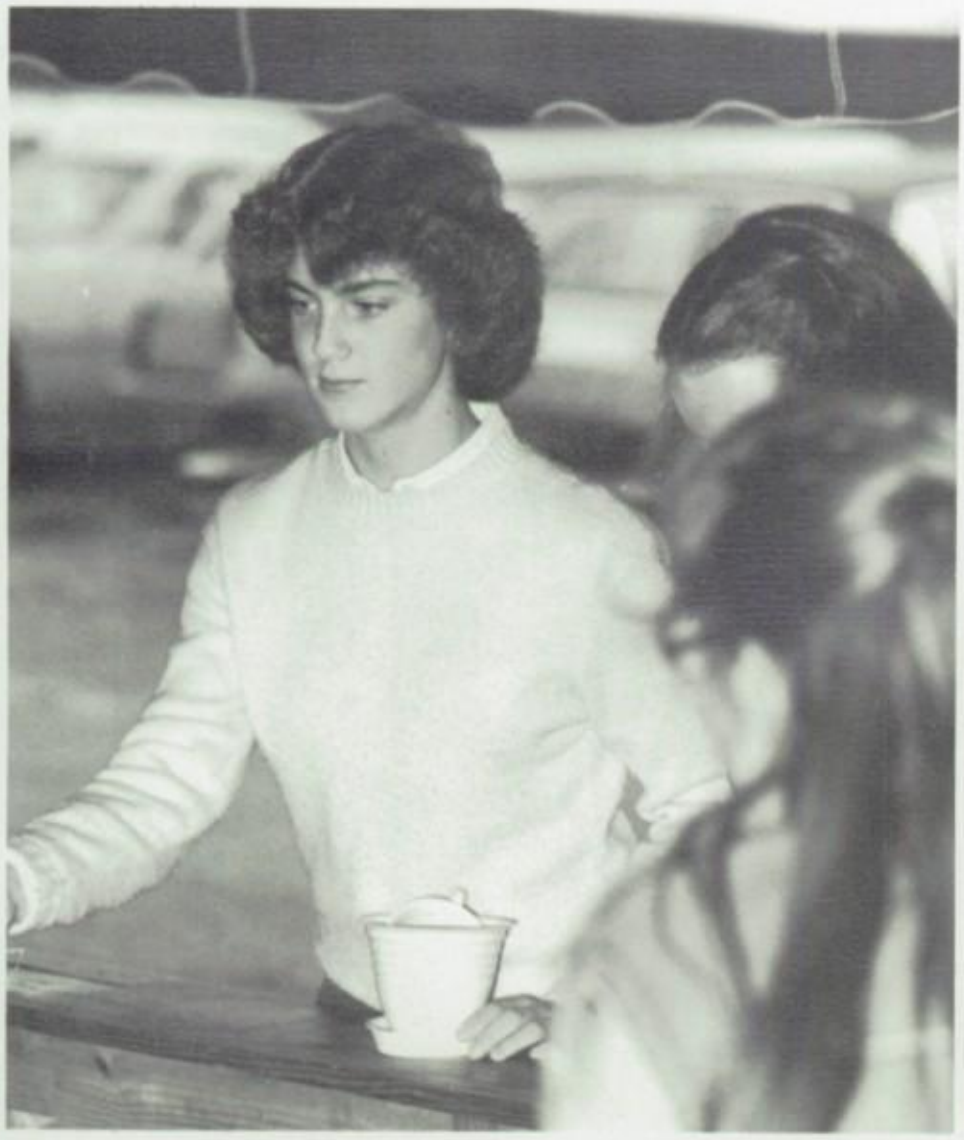
Sometimes insecure . . . sometimes unsure . . . but always filled with enthusiasm: That's the freshman! The freshman has to adjust to a new routine, but that doesn't keep him from being a part of the action. One only has to look at a pep rally or at participation in other activities to see a freshman at work. The opportunity for full participation in clubs is a year away for the freshman; nevertheless, that freshman spirit is real!

Kim King
Jackie Medlin
Sharon Nelms
Susan Nelson

Laurie Outlaw
Will Pleasant
Tammy Podruchny
Susan Price
Chuck Pridgen
Dennis Rogers
Cindy Shearin
Lindy Turner
Sandy Viverette



Freshmen at Spirit Week



Wendy Bunch

Tammy Podruchny, Kim King

Class Officers
Lindy Turner, president; Cindy Shearin, vice-president; Lori Edwards, secretary; Susan Nelson, treasurer; David Browder, S.G.A. representative.

Yes! Our "little people" are individuals, too. Their smiling faces and eagerness to learn are attributes from which others can benefit. Many times it is said that our youth are our tomorrow. Let us not fail to realize that our children are our youth of tomorrow.

Each year in the elementary and junior high days is an important step. From becoming acquainted with other youngsters, individuals are fashioned into persons who are knowledgeable about life. A famous verse lends a valuable thought: " . . . and a little child shall lead them." We salute the individuals who are our "little people." Their leadership is irreplaceable.

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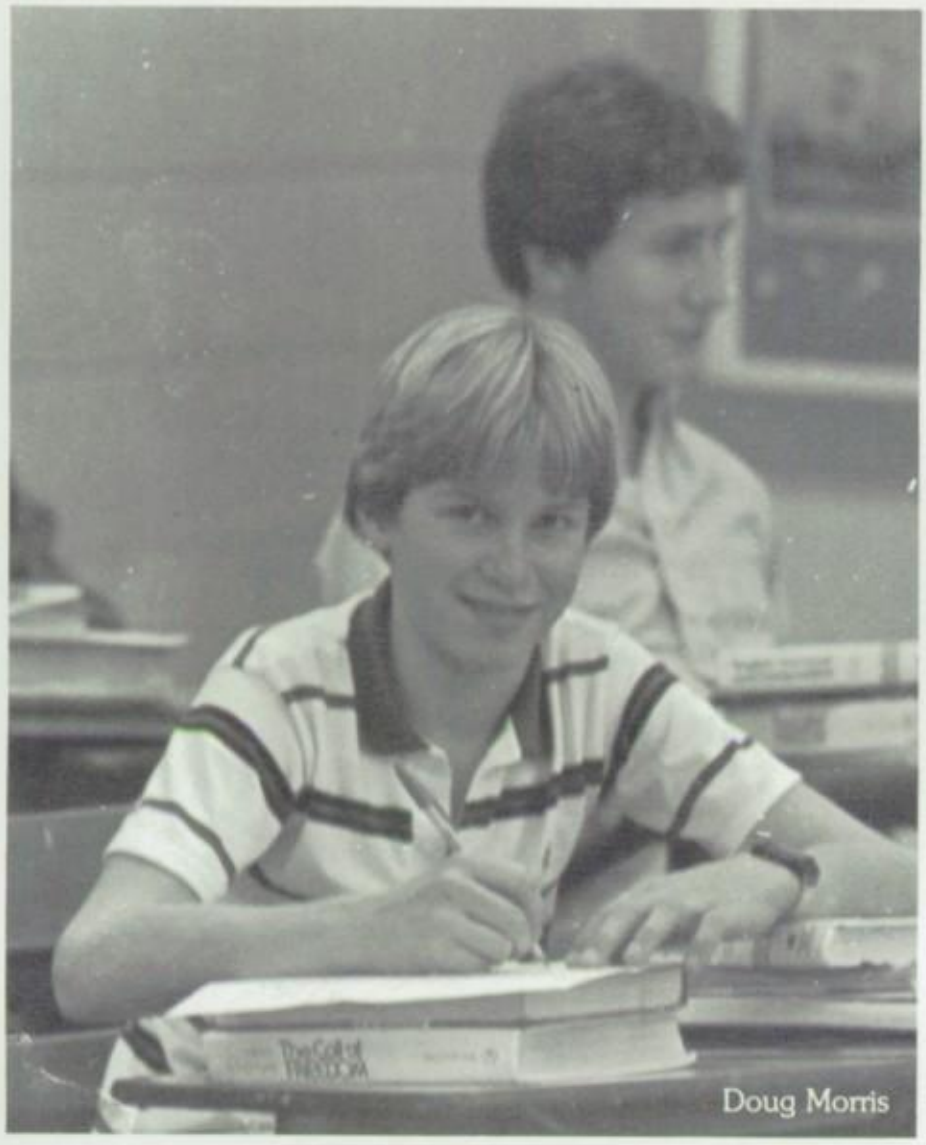
Our Little People



Doug Morris

Gettin' Ready

Eighth-graders are always preparing for the high school years. Part of that preparation is changing classes for an entire school day. Next year is a big step, and the eight grade work will have paved the way.

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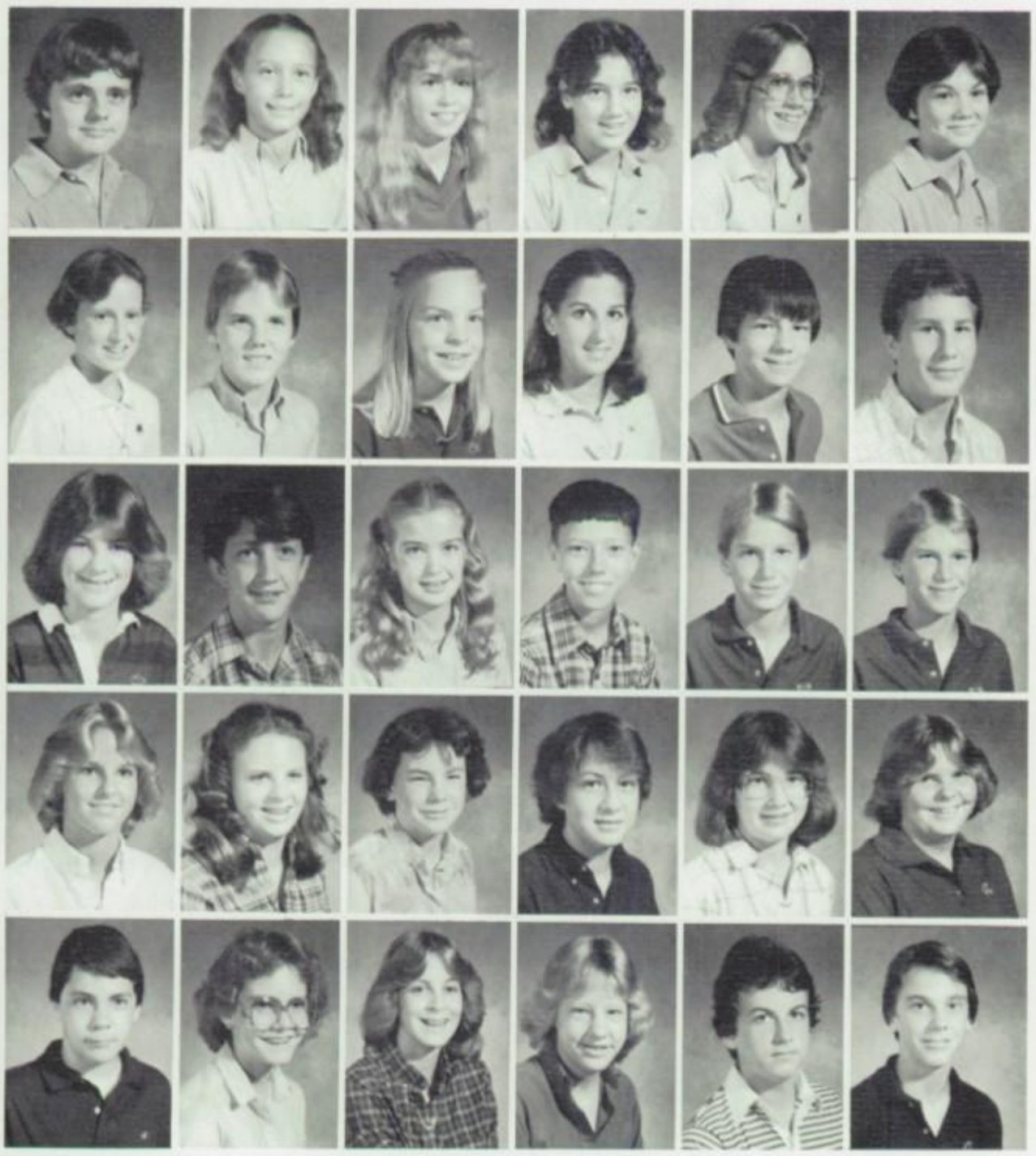


Mark Brett
Jill Dickens
Lynn Dowell
Sandy Ferrell
Maria Ford
Fern Glover

Jane Grant
Jeff Green
Melissa Harris
Billie Haskins
Jeff Inscoe
Roger Jenkins

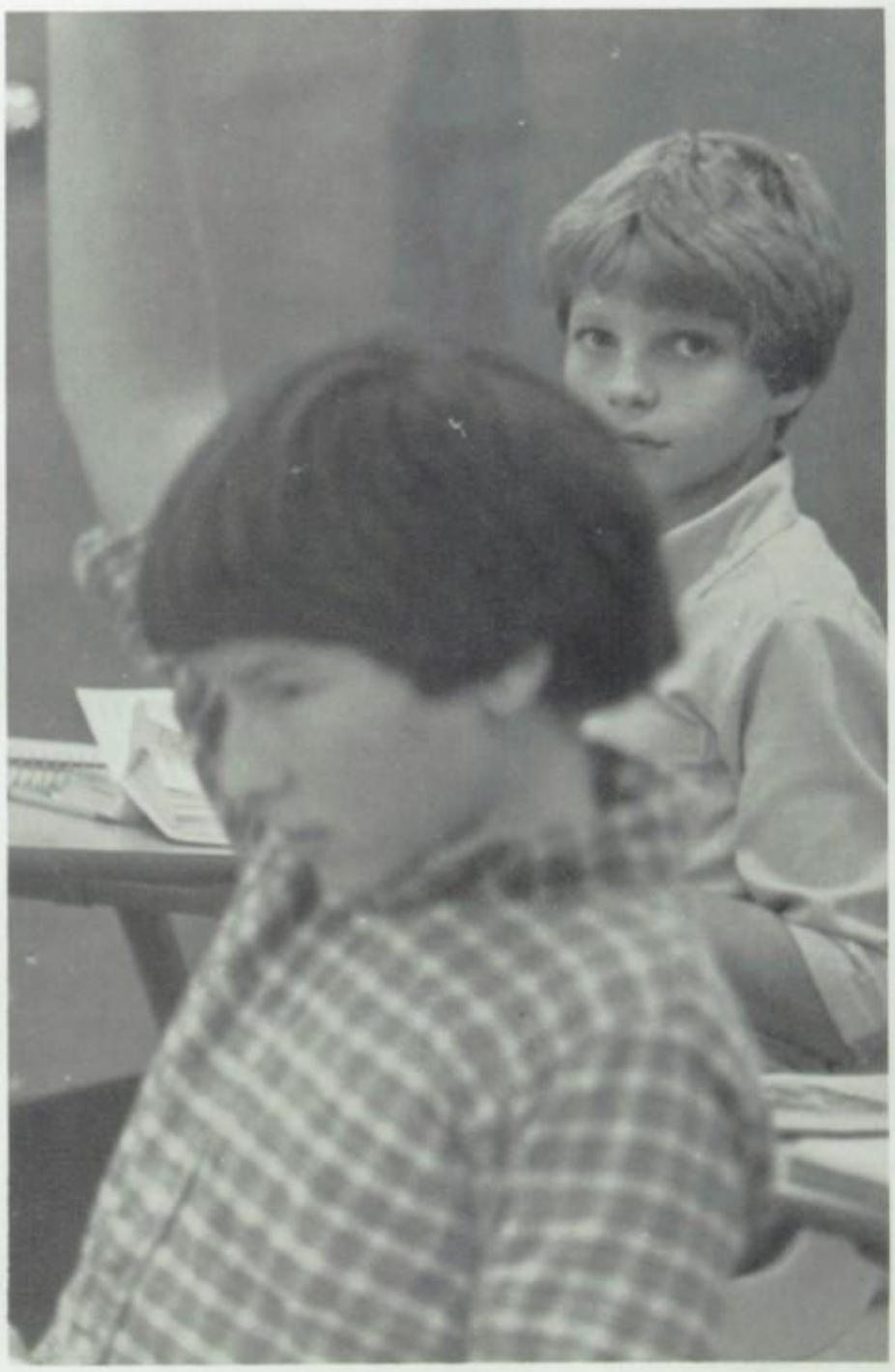
Pam Jones
Tim Lambert
Sallie Little
Buck Mims
Doug Morris
Ken Morris

Suzanne Perry
Titian Quincy
Melissa Rhea
Kim Salmon
Pam Shearin
Chris Smith

Kevin Smith
Melody Smith
Angie Sorie
Martha Wilson
Tony Wood
Tommy Wright

A New Neighborhood

The seventh-grader makes a move to the high school end of the building to become a part of the neighborhood that will encompass him for his final six years of secondary education. With that move comes the opportunity to be a part of junior varsity sports. This is a big year!



Donna Abshire
Missy Balsley
Tommie Best
Patrick Blankenship

Doris Boseman
Bo Burgwyn
Becky Cooper
Tammy Davis
Wayne Edwards
Jan Gardner

Mark Garriss
Amy Hardy
Taylor Hawkins
Nora Leigh Hockaday
Robin Irby
Traie Mayo

Martha Meadows
Anne Morris
Craig Moseley
Michelle Ogburn
David Strickland
Melonie White

Broadening Minds

The sixth-graders claim subjection to slavery! In spite of the fact that they feel their teacher is a "slave driver," the students are reminded that they will develop strong muscles and broadened minds from being "exposed" to so much information!

Jennifer Allen
Stephen Anderson
Lara Ann Barnhill
Tina Browder
Walt Burgwyn
Laura Ellen Cobb

Chris Ferrell
Angela Gibson
Angela Kay Green
Andy Hale
Amy Harris
Amy Lou Harris

Shelton Jenkins
Laura Keener
Eve Keeton
Tammy Lambert
Jeff Miles
Lisa Outlaw

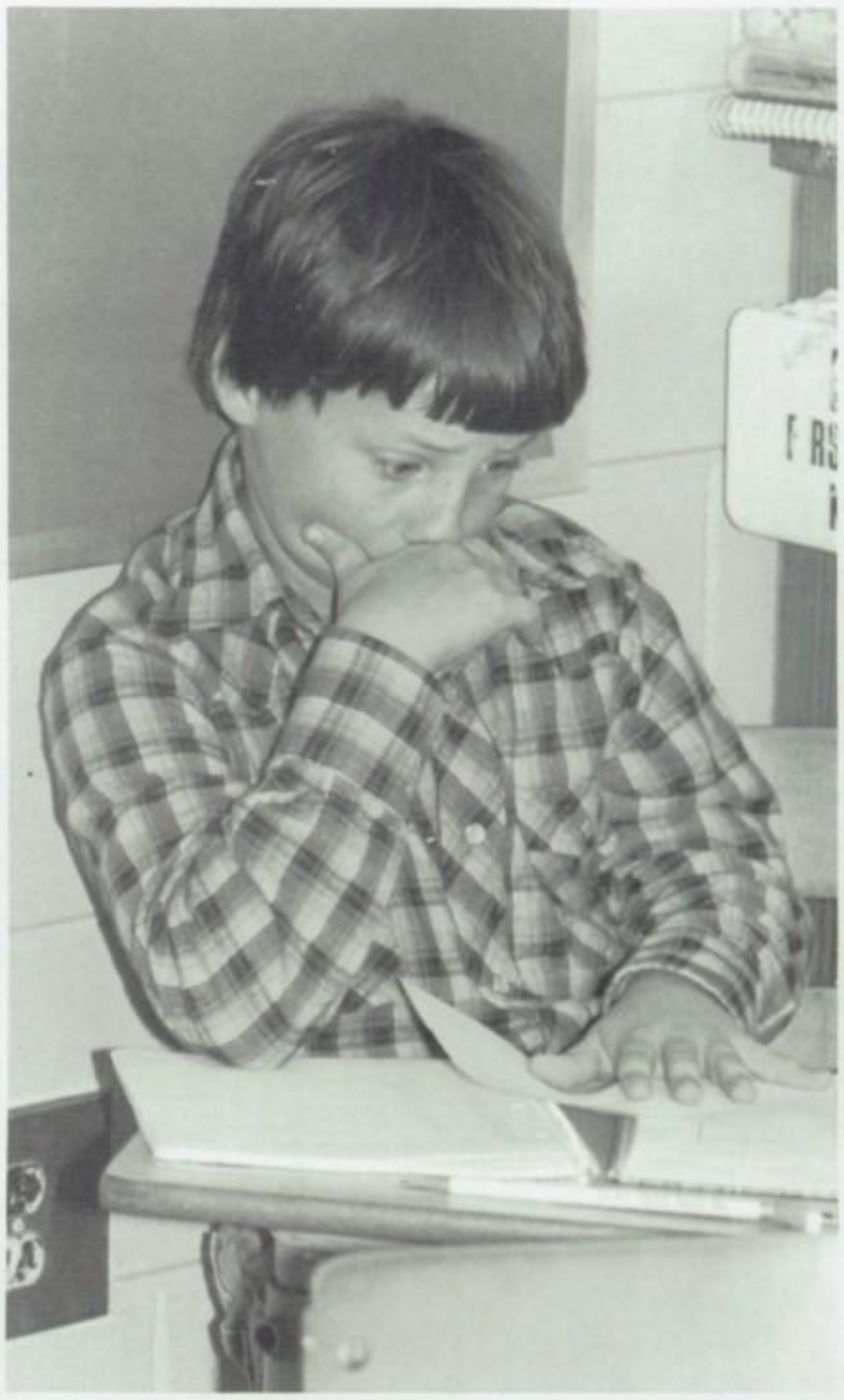
Denise Pittard
Nicolas Pierce
Aimee Phillips
Chris Phillips
Ashley Riggan
Marc Roberson

Art Rook
Kaye Rowland
Bobbie Jo Smith
Cameron Smith
Russ Taylor
Traci Vaughan

To the best music teacher in the world which I love, Love, Laura C.

Developing Skills

The fifth-graders find themselves in the midst of lots of reading and more advanced work. These students were involved in special studies during National Book Week and enjoyed a class trip to the planetarium in Chapel Hill.



Amy Allen
Randy Birdsong
Robbin Brewer
Charles Bryant

Lisa Claiborne
Jason Cooke
Craig Copeland
Clay Crawley
David Dickens
Belinda Garner

Melissa Harrison
Windy Hurst
Doris Joyner
Nadine Norvell
Eddie Pitchford
Chuck Podruchny

Hope Rogers
Jennifer Salmon
Paula Shearin
Shane Spragins
Renee Vester
Susan Warren

Keeping Busy

The fourth-graders kept busy during the year learning new things and taking trips to new places. Possibly the most outstanding trip was to Raleigh, where they visited the Legislative Building, the capitol, and several museums.

Neal Boone
Kim Brown
Penny Bunch
Kevin Lee Copeland

Woody Elder
Melissa Garriss
Scott Griffin
Tracey Hale
Christopher Wayne Harris
Lisa Harris
Becky Hudson

Amy Inscoe
Rhoda Kittner
John Cameron Little, Jr.
Jamie Livingston
Shelly Medlin
Sherri Pearson
Julie Pridgen

Tammy Rhome
Jamie Riggan
Robert Brown Rhea
Dana Sorie
LaDonna Wells
Felicia West
Christy Wood

A Thrilling Year

The third-graders have been a part of a rewarding and thrilling year. They learned to write in cursive, to multiply and to divide, and developed and expanded their skills in language and reading. The class worked hard and sold the most magazines in the school.

Jay Allen
John Allen
Elizabeth Balsley
David Butts
Annie Chalmers
Bill Cooke
George Cooke

Lisa DeBerry
Mark Dickens
Benjie Glover
Allen Guidry
Stacey Harsh
Shelly Hilliard
Martha Johnston

Dana King
Kevin Limer
Angel Mahaffey
Kim Mayo
Ted Newman
Crissy Norvell
Pam Norwood

Jennifer Oakes
Scott Phillips
Jonathan Pittard
Neil Roberson
Wayne Robinson
Anna Smith
Robbie Stone

Getting Comfortable

The second-graders have become more comfortable with the school environment. Having adjusted well, the class members learn more of the basic skills necessary to be successful in the years ahead.

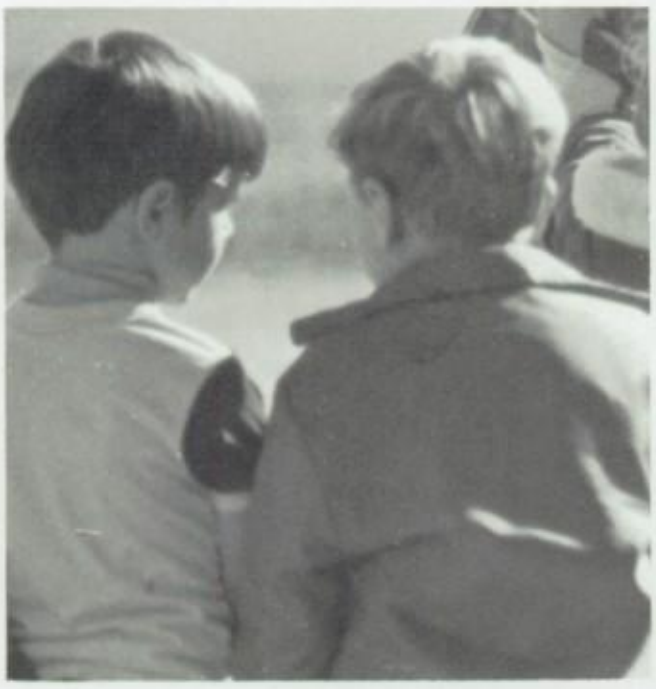
Zach Adams
Ryan Aycock
Rachel Baker
Jeff Boseman
Cabot Crawley
Amy Daniel
Heather Daniel
Stamie DeBerry
Sarah Forehand
Anthony Green
Susan Griffin
Julie Hughes
Paul Luter
Buzzy Miles
Michelle Miles
Robbie Morris
Nicole Ogburn
David Pearson
Michael Rightmyer
Vickie Sargent
Kirk Smith
Angie Wade
Brian Wells
Lisa White

I Love you Mrs. Newell from: Rachel wait I like you too Lisa

I think you are the best teacher, I love you Mrs. Newell

Always Eager

The first-graders have become familiar with one another and are on their way to educational careers! This is a group that is always ready for action!



Sarah Buffaloe

Marvin Butts
Michael Cooke
Kevin Cooke
Stacy Crew
Mikie Dail
Jason DeBerry
Donna DiAngelo

David Dixon
Gary Edwards
Paul Elder
Tiffany Garner
Melissa Glover
Mitch Hales
Julie Harris

Marty Hurst
David Iles
Karen Joyner
Olivia Keener
Shawn Letters
Kelly Livingston
Becky Love

Amy Roberson
Stacey Salmon
Philip Strickland
Amy Turner
Stephanie Vester
Kathy Williams
Belinda Willis

P. Philip Strickland

ABC's? More!

And so it begins! The eagerness to learn and meet friends starts here. Many questions are answered, and much more than the ABC's is learned. This is a year of preparation for the next step!

Stephanie Adkins

Allen Barbee
Renee Barnes
Leigh Butler
Cam Chalmers
Chris Daniel
Grady DeBerry
Karen Dickens

Donna Edwards
Brad Harris
Henry Harris
Todd Hilliard
Jim Hopkins
Laura Hubbard
Elizabeth Hudgins

Michael Keeter
Jason Morris
Bennett Pierce
Crystal Poythress
Jamie Rhome
Lee Ross
Cray Sadler

Scott Sargent
Tina Sorie
Phil Spragins
Sarah Stevenson
Paula Turner
Denny Wallace
Phillip West

Pre-school Premieres

Summer Gentry
Kimberly Hudgins

Stephanie Madison
Timothy Pearson

Leigh Podruchny
Travis Rhea

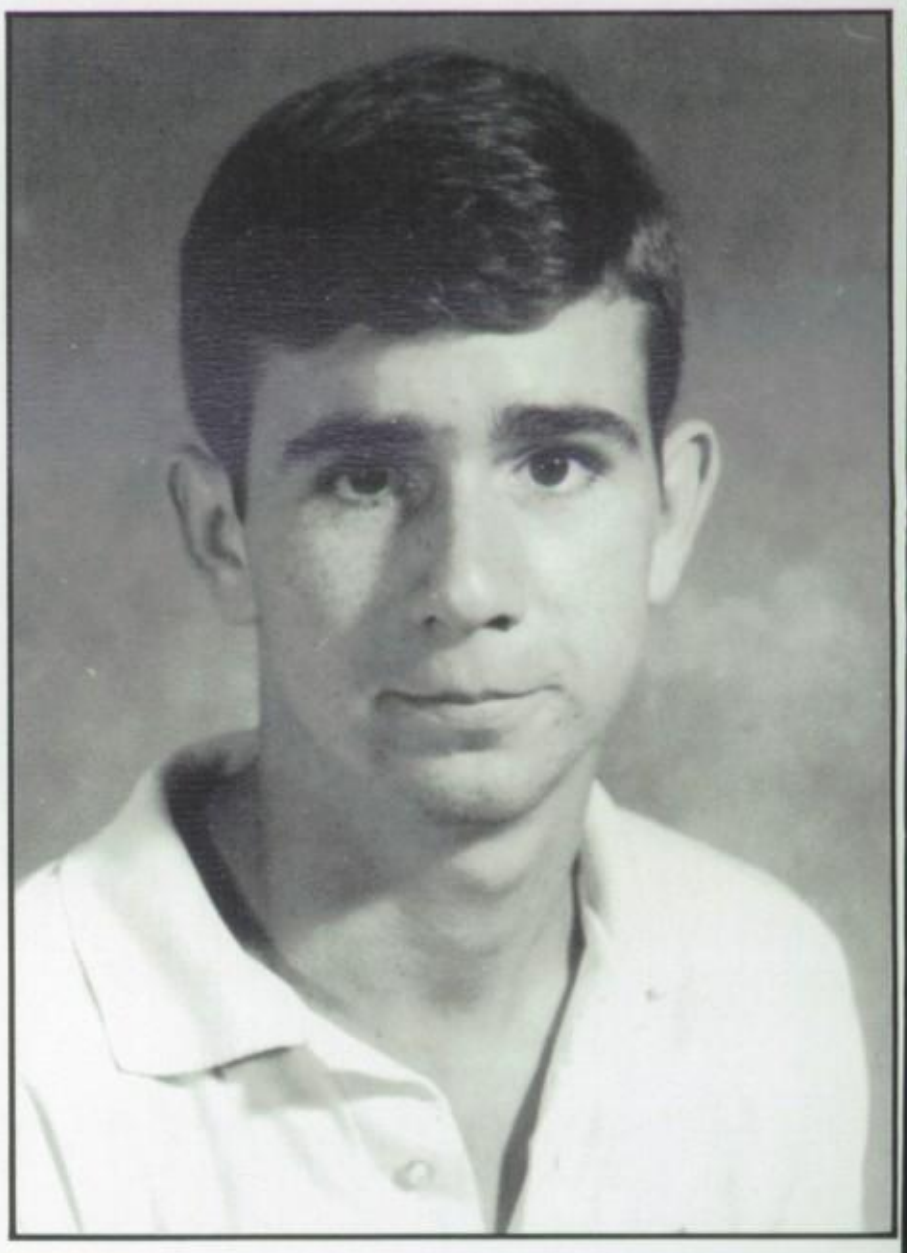
Shannon Willis
Mrs. Carol Smith

A future pre-schooler?

In Memoriam

David Michael Irby

October 9, 1965-
October 9, 1981



He Is Not Dead

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.
And you — oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For an old-time step, and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.
Think of him still as the same. I say,
He is not dead — he is just away.

James Whitcomb Riley

Paul A. Beals has answered the question "What Is a Teacher?" in his poem by that title. He explains that an artist gives himself to his art through work, patience, repetition, and change. Further he relates that the artist's product is for all to see. Beals says that the artist is a creator and will not rest until the product is complete: a painting, a poem, a sonata. It is the conclusion of Beals that a teacher gives himself to his art — thinking, reading, arranging, praying. He works alone but shares his product with others — to be accepted or ignored. "To teach," according to Beals, "is to respond to the responsive, to correct the careless. It is to rejoice in truth, to warn against error. It is to die, yet to attain new freshness. It is to give without the assurance of being received. To teach is to learn from others. It is to laugh . . . to cry. It is to think, to weigh, to treasure . . . to throw away. To teach is to live . . ."

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Directing the Way

Guiding Our Youngsters

Our youngsters in kindergarten are guided by **Mrs. Elizabeth Hockaday.** A graduate of East Carolina University, Mrs. Hockaday enjoys reading and cooking. She is assisted in kindergarten by Mrs. Janice Cooke.

As our third grade teacher, **Mrs. Eleanor Hales** is activity-oriented. She serves as pianist at her church, Community Center Baptist. Also, she serves as the Woman's Missionary Union program chairman. A sports enthusiast, Mrs. Hales particularly enjoys water skiing. She also enjoys playing the piano. With a B.S. Degree in Primary Education, Mrs. Hales is an East Carolina graduate.

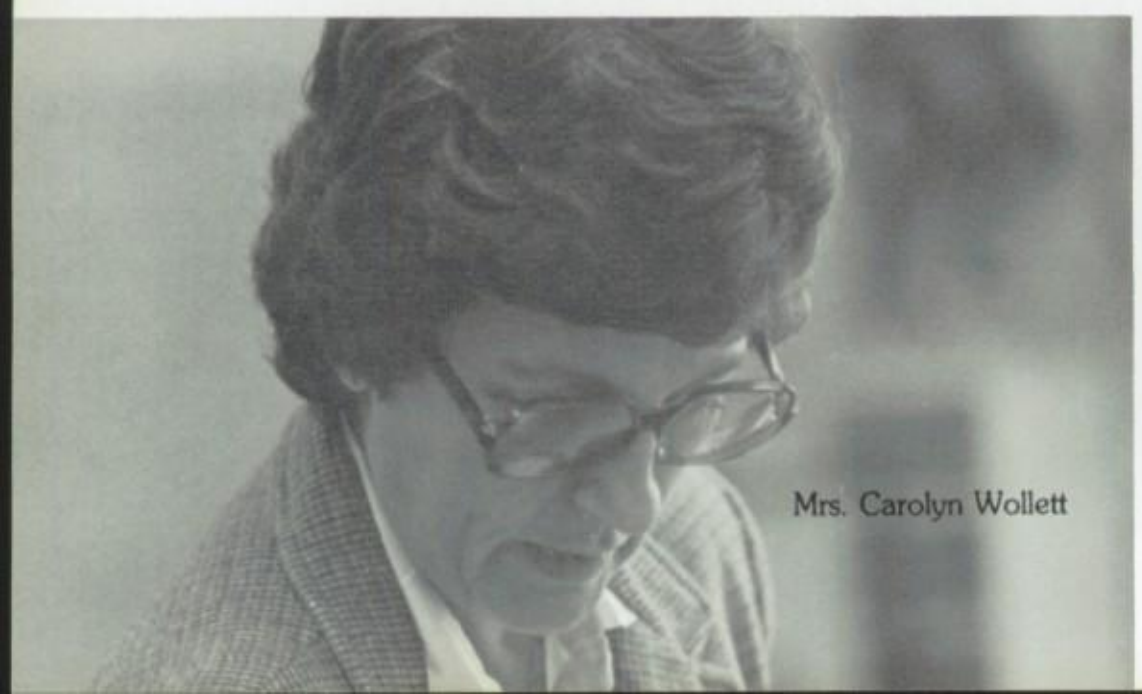
Mrs. Katherine Stephenson instructs our second graders. Among her hobbies, she lists working with plants and reading. She attends the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Stephenson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Having received her B.S. Degree from East Carolina, **Mrs. Carolyn Wollett** is our first grade teacher. Mrs. Wollett is a member of Harris Chapel Baptist Church. There she is choir director and a member of the Church Council. In her spare time, she enjoys doing needlework.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hockaday

Mrs. Eleanor Hales

Mrs. Katherine Stephenson



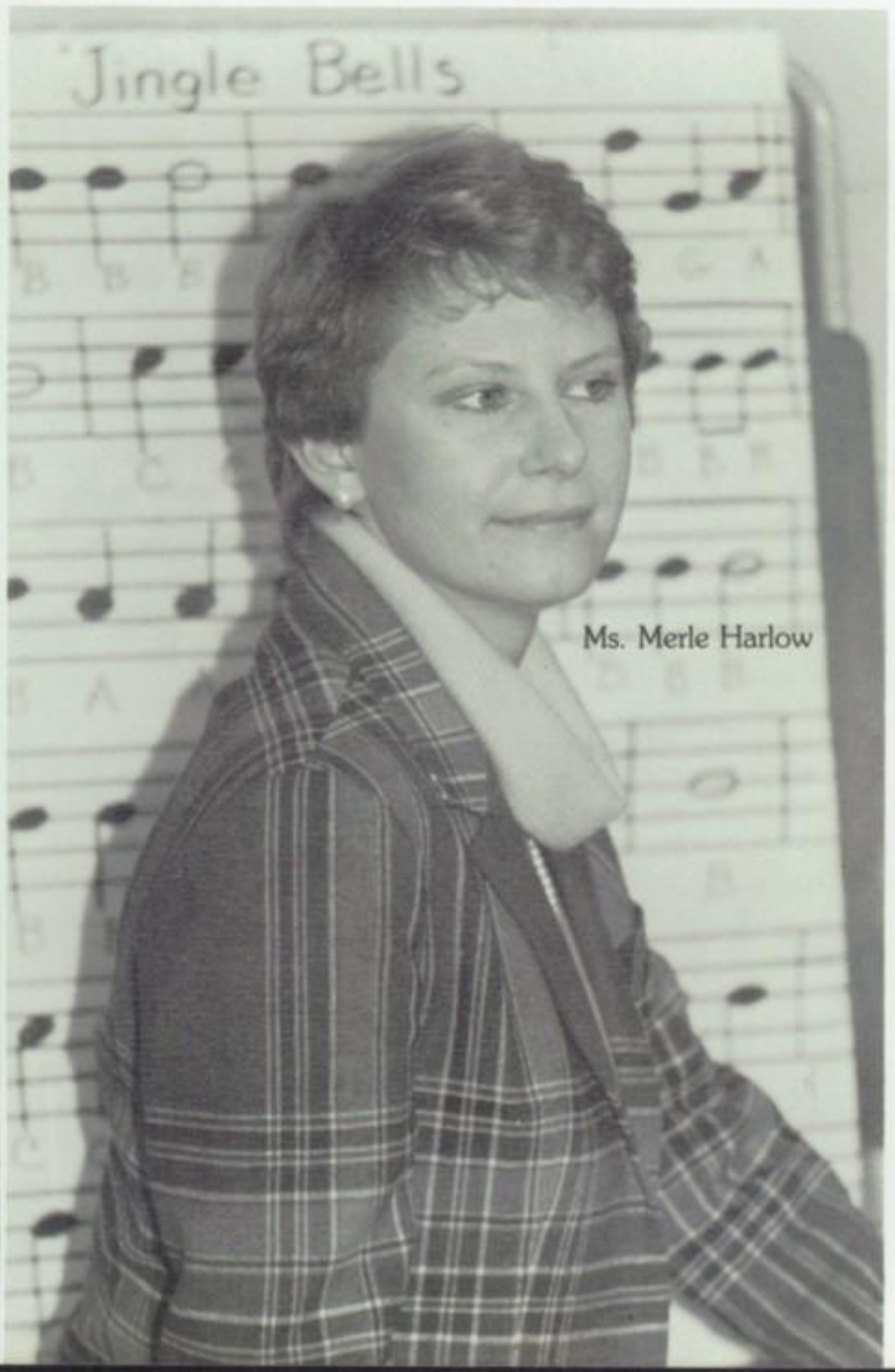
Mrs. Carolyn Wollett

Mrs. Patricia Daniels

Mrs. Patricia Daniels leads our fourth grade. She teaches fourth and fifth grade social studies, science, and math. In addition, she teaches fourth grade spelling. She teaches pre-schoolers in Sunday School. As the mother of a little league baseball and soccer player, Mrs. Daniels enjoys sewing, embroidering, and crocheting. She is a graduate of East Carolina with a B.S. Degree in Elementary Education.

Our fifth grade teacher is **Ms. Merle Harlow.** She shares with Mrs. Daniels the teaching duties of the fourth and fifth grade. At Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Ms. Harlow is organist. She enjoys tennis, golf, and jogging; furthermore, she is a member of C & P Exer-dance, Inc. Her hobbies include cross-stitch and antiques. A graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College, Ms. Harlow holds a B.S. Degree in Intermediate Education.

With a B.S. Degree in Home Economics and General Science from East Carolina as well as certification for Intermediate Education, **Mrs. Kaye Page** assumes wide-spread teaching duties. Besides teaching math, English, science, and social studies to sixth-graders, Mrs. Page teaches Home Economics I and II. She teaches the Sun-day School youth group, participates in the church choir, plays the piano, and is a church officer in the United Methodist Women at Halifax United Methodist Church. She enjoys sewing, doing needlework, working with crafts, working in the yard, and gardening. She likes to play golf when time permits.



Ms. Merle Harlow

Mrs. Kaye Page

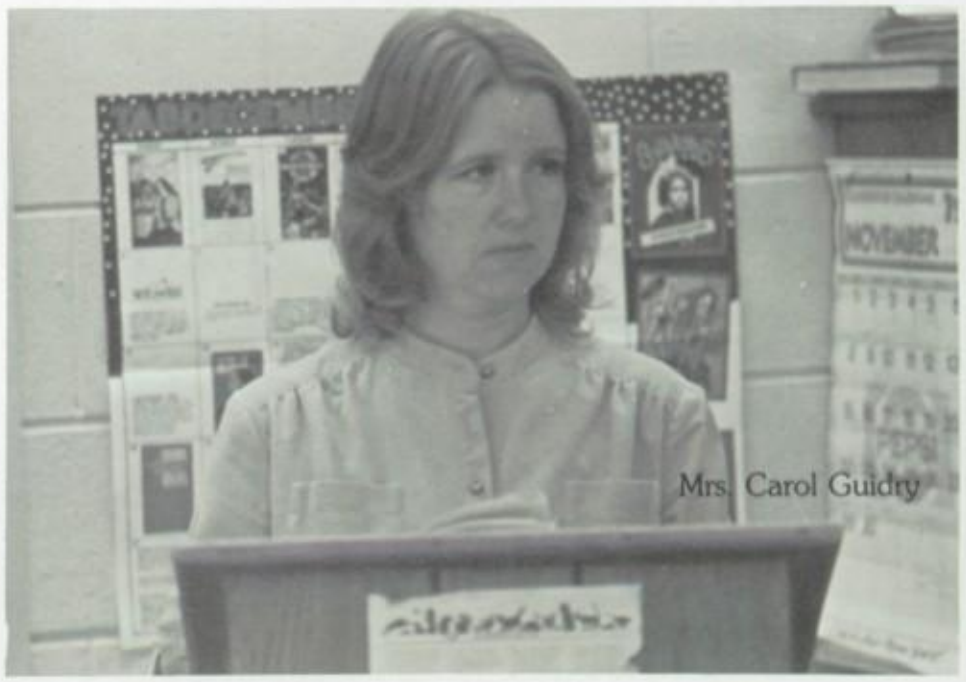
Molding Minds For The Future

Mr. Rodney Nelson

As an alumnus of Halifax Academy, **Mr. Rodney Nelson** furthered his education at Atlantic Christian College. There he received a B.A. Degree in English. He is presently working toward his M.A. Ed. Degree at East Carolina. Mr. Nelson is the freshman homeroom teacher and instructs students in English I, III, and IV. He is advisor to the **Voyager** and to **Voice of the Vikings,** the yearbook and newspaper respectively. Most of his outside activities revolve around The Good New Baptist Church. As a charter member, he serves as minister of music and is responsible for all church publications. A sports enthusiast, Mr. Nelson is an avid supporter of Halifax Academy athletics.

Mrs. Carol Guidry teaches the seventh grade as well as sixth grade reading and spelling. She is the sponsor of the Beta Club. At the Littleton United Methodist Church, Mrs. Guidry teaches Sunday School, sings in the choir, and serves on the Administrative Board as children/youth coordinator. She loves counted cross-stitching, reading, cooking, and embroidering. She received her B.S. and M.A. Ed. Degrees from East Carolina.

Our physical education instructor is **Mr. Jim Elam.** Mr. Elam coaches football, junior varsity boys' basketball, and varsity girls' basketball. He is co-sponsor of the Monogram Club. An outdoorsman, Mr. Elam enjoys boating, skiing, hydrosliding, hunting, and fishing. He received his B.S. Degree in Health and Physical Education from East Carolina.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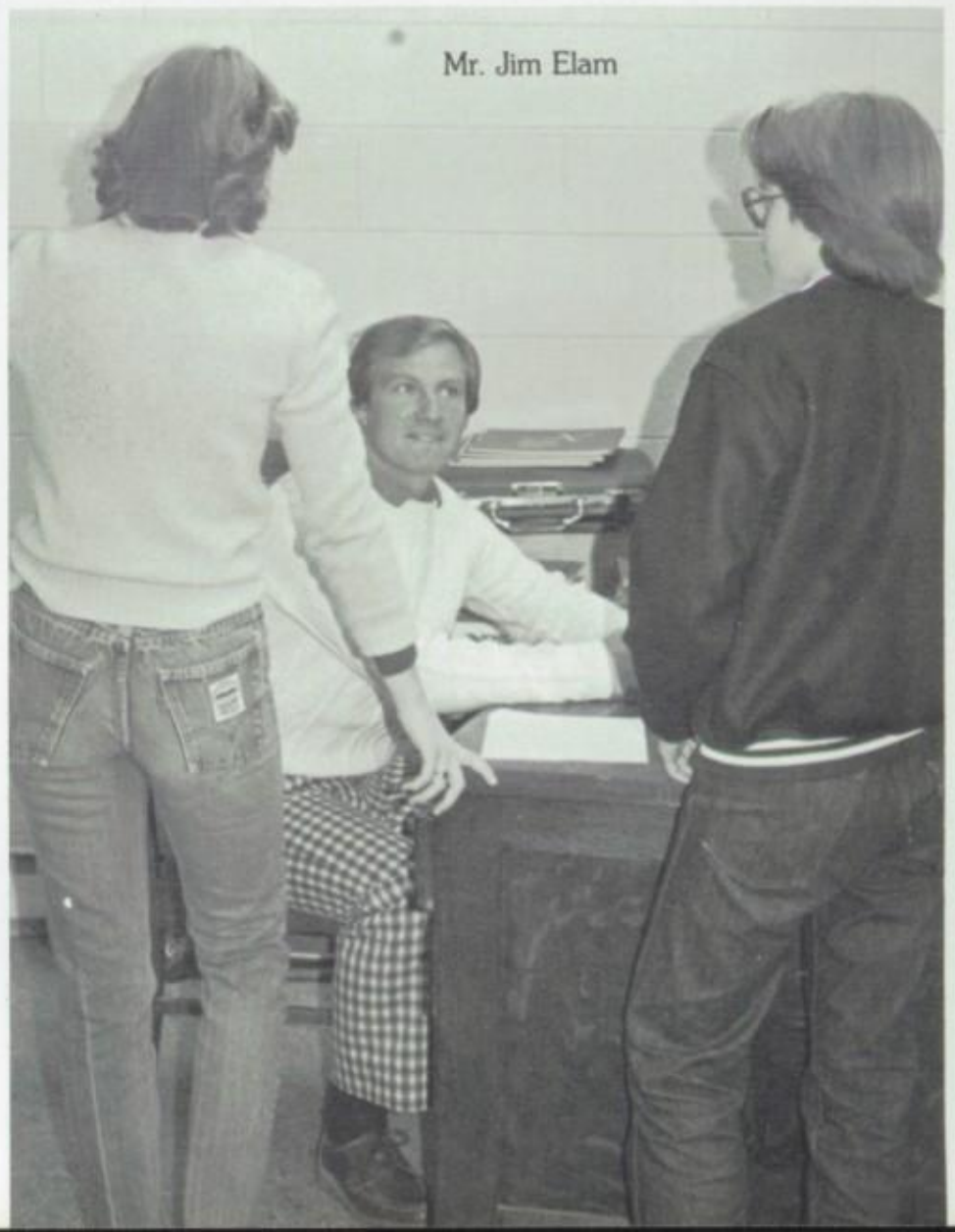
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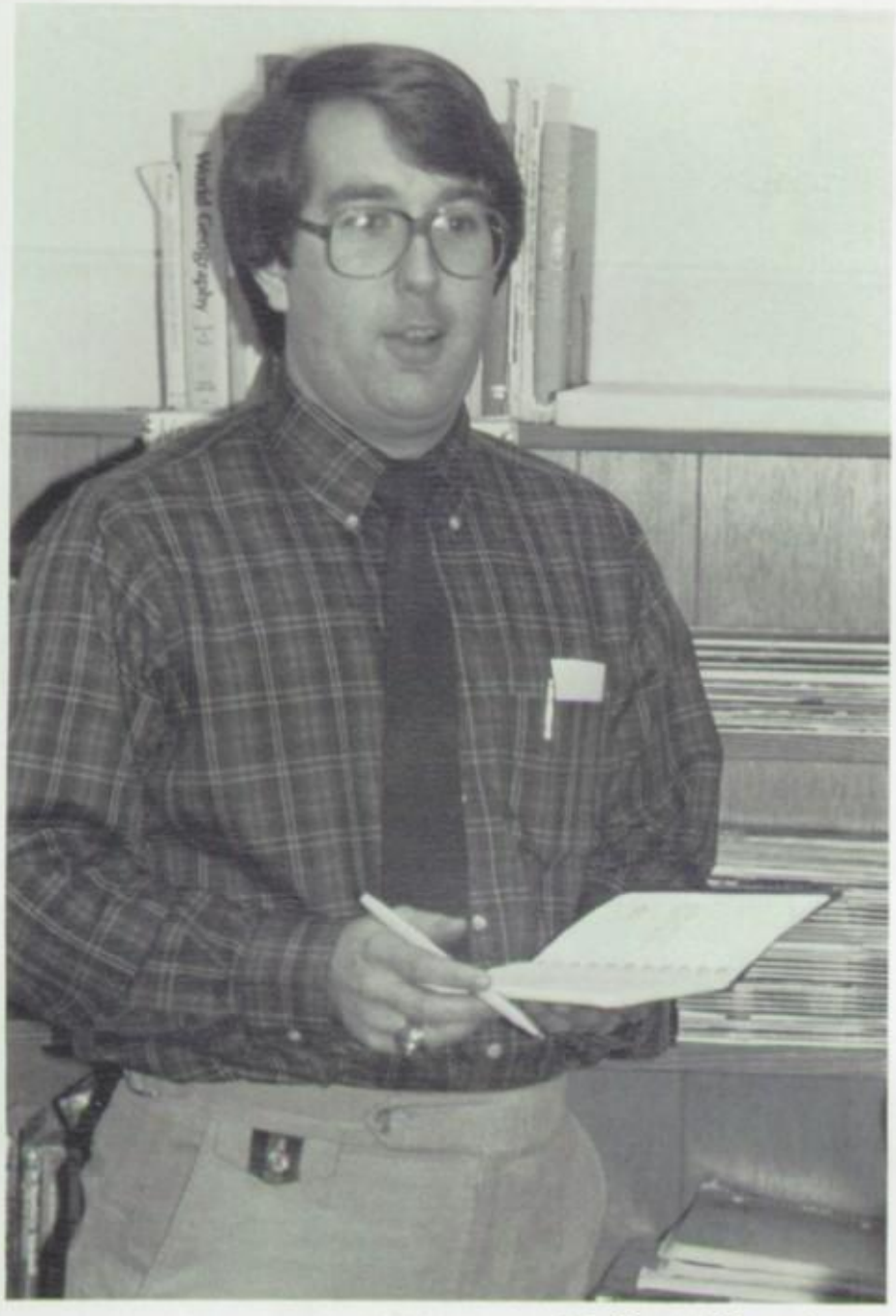

Mr. Danny Hinnant

Mr. Danny Hinnant is the junior sponsor. He coaches junior varsity girls' basketball and varsity softball. As a member of the Halifax Baptist Church, he serves as a deacon and as the youth teacher in Sunday School. He is a Halifax town commissioner and a member of the Halifax Fire Department. He enjoys woodworking, antiques, and sports. A University of North Carolina graduate, he received his A.B. Degree in Secondary Education. He is presently doing graduate work toward an M.A. Degree in Driver Education at East Carolina.

One of the new members of the Halifax Academy faculty is **Mrs. Janette Kendall.** Mrs. Kendall serves as co-sponsor for the sophomores. She teaches Algebra I, Business Math I and II, and general math. She also is the junior varsity cheerleader sponsor. Mrs. Kendall enjoys baking and reading. She runs several days a week and enjoys watching football and basketball. A graduate of Meredith College, she received her B.A. Degree in Mathematics.

With a B.A. Degree in Social Studies from Atlantic Christian College, **Mrs. Cathy Aycock** has a sophomore homeroom and sponsors the Psychology Club and the varsity cheerleaders. She teaches English II, sociology and psychology, world history, and family living. Mrs. Aycock attends Tabor United Methodist Church where she teaches ages 15-21 in Sunday School. She enjoys the outdoors and likes sewing and cooking.

Mrs. Janette Kendall

Mrs. Cathy Aycock

Encouraging Excellence

Mr. George Alston occupies the capacities of athletic director, assistant headmaster, varsity boys' basketball coach, varsity baseball coach, and co-sponsor of the Monogram Club. Mr. Alston lists hunting and fishing as his special outside activities, hobbies, and interests. A graduate of North Carolina State University, he received a B.S. Degree in Forest Management, Soil Science, and Education.

Our new Spanish teacher this year is **Mrs. Rosa Leonard.** Besides teaching Spanish I and II, Mrs. Leonard teaches an English I class. Having received her B.A. Degree in Journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she has furthered her education at Duke University, the University of South Carolina, and Appalachian State University. She enjoys art, drama, creative writing, and travel.

Our business teacher is **Mrs. Geraldine Spragins.** She teaches Typing I and II, bookkeeping, and English 8. Her other school duties include sponsoring the seniors and the Student Government Association. Mrs. Spragins is a member of Bethlehem Christian Church where she is the Adult Class Sunday School teacher, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and director of the Adult Choir. She is a member of Royal Hart Chapter 20, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She enjoys needlework. A graduate of Longwood College, Mrs. Spragins received her B.S. Degree in Business Education. She has done graduate study at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. A teacher since 1951, Mrs. Spragins is the senior member of our faculty.

Mr. George Alston

Mrs. Rosa Leonard

Mrs. Geraldine Spragins

Individuals In Leadership

Mr. George Alston

Besides teaching Algebra II, geometry, chemistry, advanced math, and physical science, **Mr. George Alston** serves as assistant headmaster. Daily, Mr. Alston can be seen writing permission and absentee slips.

Mr. Billy Mayo is our headmaster. Mr. Mayo teaches one class, biology. His outside activities, hobbies, and interests are working in the yard (especially with flowers), refinishing furniture, and painting. Mr. Mayo attended Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia, and graduated from Atlantic Christian College with a B.S. Degree in Science Education.

Together, Mr. Alston and Mr. Mayo provide quality leadership for our school. Believers in discipline and quality instruction, they work to see that the faculty and staff cooperatively offer the best for the students. The sound education which is provided here can be attributed to an administration, faculty, and staff that care about individuals.

Mr. Billy Mayo

Secretary To Many

Mrs. Loretta Conner serves as school secretary. Her job is an important one as she is often the first person visitors have any contact with as they first enter our school. Mrs. Conner reports directly to the School Board and to Mr. Mayo concerning financial and other matters.

Keeper Of The Shelves

Mrs. Ruth Bryant continues to serve in the capacity of school librarian. As a part-time employee, Mrs. Bryant manages to do a full-time job. If there is anything to be found in the library, Mrs. Bryant is willing first to direct and then to assist in finding if trouble persists. Perhaps Mrs. Bryant is best known for her spirit of vivacity. Always lively, Mrs. Bryant brightens many days.

Environmental Specialists

Providing a suitable environment for learning is a task not easily handled. Part of that task falls into the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lewis. Unlocking the buildings early in the mornings and cleaning and closing in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis come through.

Food For Thought

Often individuals find it difficult to think. Without a cafeteria to offer meals and an assortment of services, the day of the student and teacher would be disastrous. With the help of a dedicated cafeteria staff, individuals can think without hunger.

Jean Nelms

Mildred Rhea, Linda White (manager), Jean Nelms, Julia Burgess, Barbara Green

Making Vital Decisions

The Board of Trustees meets monthly to discuss the operation of our institution. Elected by the school members at the annual meeting in March, the Board members attempt to represent the people. 1981-82 Board members are shown below: Officers — Tom Stowitts, secretary; Bill Johnston, chairman; N.W. Chalmers, vice-president. Other Board members — Frank Rightmyer, Debbie Outlaw, Bernard Morris, Carlton Bunch, Collin Hale, and Doug Phillips; Andy Crew, Bobby Smith, Ronnie Hales, James Bohannon, James Allen, and Gene Cobb.

Fall Festival Raises Close to $12,000

One of the annual events of the Patrons of Halifax Academy is the Fall Festival. Through much dedication, this year's effort resulted in a profit of close to $12,000. This is just one of the events to raise money for the continuing provision of a quality education. This year the Patrons are led by President Wendy Pierce. Vice-President Pam Floyd, Secretary Linda Griffin, Treasurer Joyce Cobb, and a host of others.

At the Festival, Chester Campbell of Waynesboro, Virginia, appeared again to offer his noted apple butter (below); The queens and kings of the elementary grades were Leigh Butler and Jason Morris (Division I) and Paula Shearin and Mark Dickens (Division II).

Active For Athletics

Our school is fortunate to have dedicated individuals. Some of those occupy positions on the Athletic Council. Through various fund raising efforts and determined efforts, the Council supports the athletic program and makes capital improvements to our athletic facilities. This year's Council is led by Carlton Garner; the vice-chairman is Sonny Balsley; the secretary is Undine Garner; and, the treasurer is Joyce Suiter. Various coordinating positions are held by Nat Vaughan, Danny Copeland, Debbie Outlaw, Liz Browder, Gene Johnson, Linda Turner, Carlton Bunch, and George Alston.

Without the help of these leaders and their followers, the athletic program of Halifax Academy would not be the supplement to academics that it is.

Undine and Carlton Garner

Gale Bunch, assisting at door

Liz Browder, concessions coordinator

Individuals often find education in the extra-curricular activities. Many of our students participate in the various organizations and activities. Through these, we see individuals coming together in a spirit of cooperation which is so vital to success.

From the Annual Staff to the Psychology Club, students have opportunities to grow through group projects and activities. Our clubs are vital to our school.

1981-82 saw a new spirit of pride and enthusiasm permeate the walls of H.A. The pep rallies and the participation in special events illustrated what individuals coming together can do.

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Comin' Together

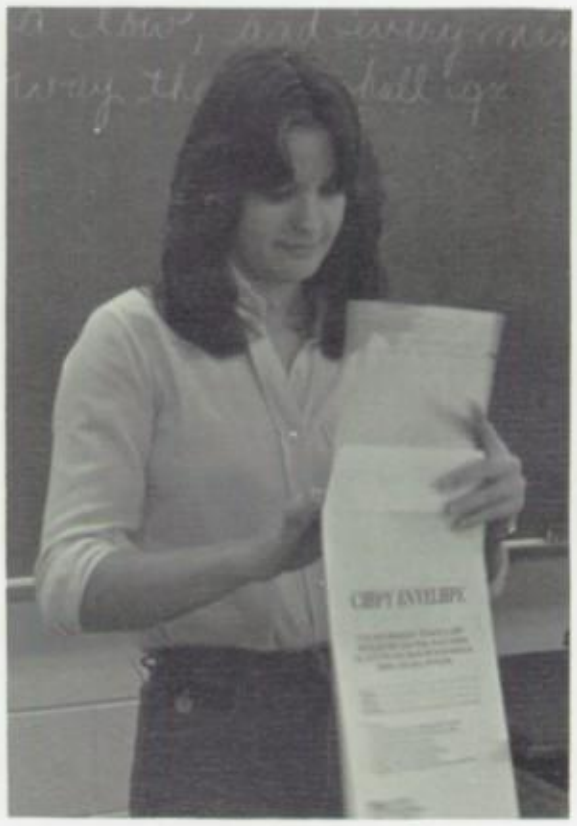
Mr. Nelson's Neighborhood

What was a sheet of paper with ideas and page numbers scribbled all over it became a yearbook. Beginning in the spring, some thirty high school students signed up to attempt to sell ads and become members of the **1982 Voyager** Staff. Having to sell $200 worth of ads in our time of economic crisis can be rough. Well, only ten individuals managed to survive and become members of the team that would produce what now is an item of pride. Through layouts and hours of work, the proof pages started coming in. Every new arrival added to the anticipation of the moment of delivery of the yearbooks. Finally, the day has arrived. Everywhere, everybody at Halifax can have a little piece of the Annual Staff in their arms. They can read and reread the pages the staff knows by heart. Our pride is the key to another year; twenty-five years later, the pride will still be present. To you, the **1982 Voyager** Staff presents its picture of 1981-82 at Halifax Academy. Cherish the memories!

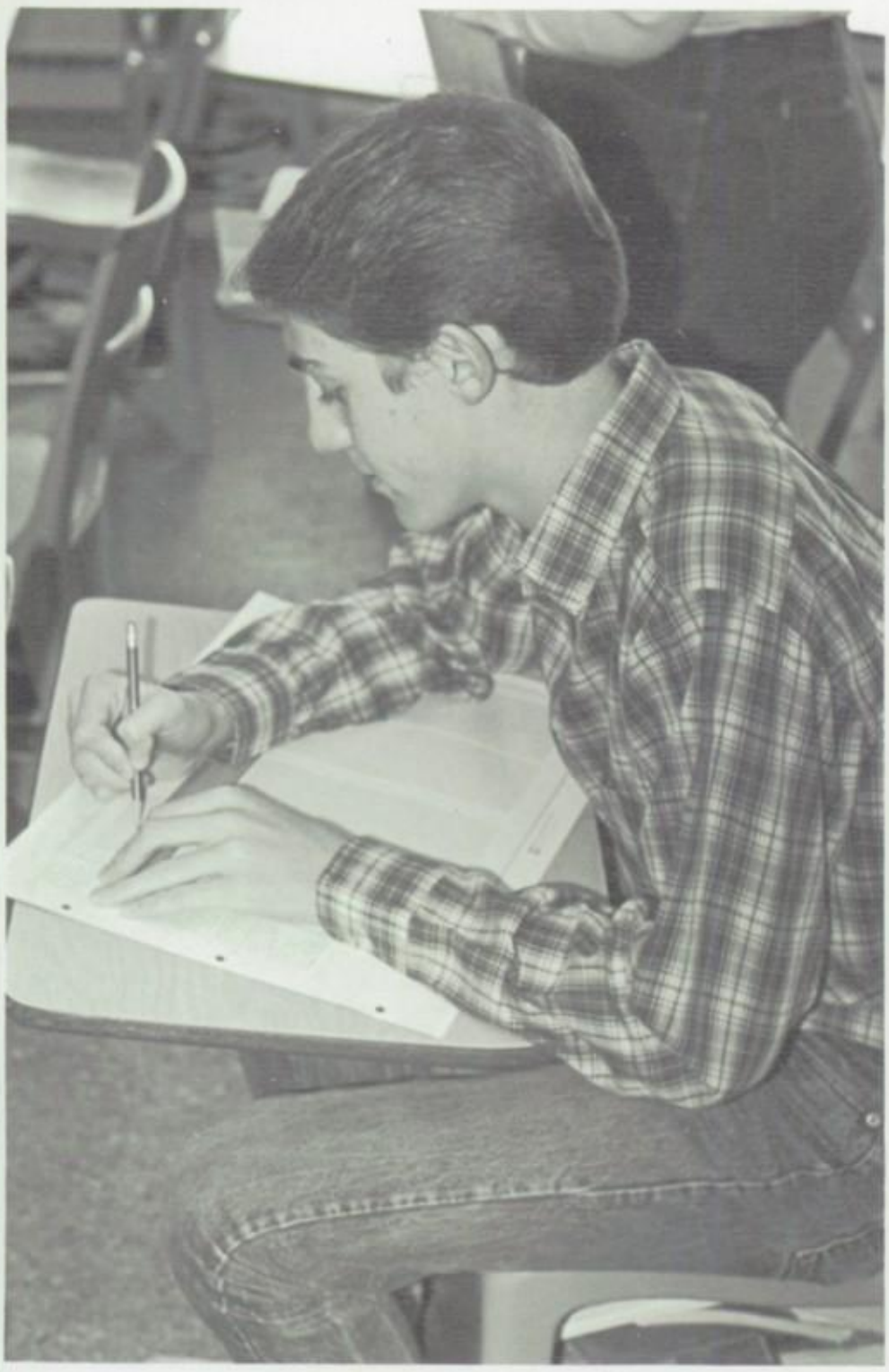
Perri Stowitts, Michelle Ross

The **1982 Voyager** Staff

Lindy Turner, Cindy Shearin



Betsy Brewer



Assistant Editor Bert Garner

Editors Perri Stowitts and Michelle Ross

1982 Voyager Staff

Ellen Page, Michelle Ross, Mr. Rodney Nelson, Wes Taylor

Business Manager Tammy Harris

Editor-in-Chief Perri Stowitts

Creating Pride

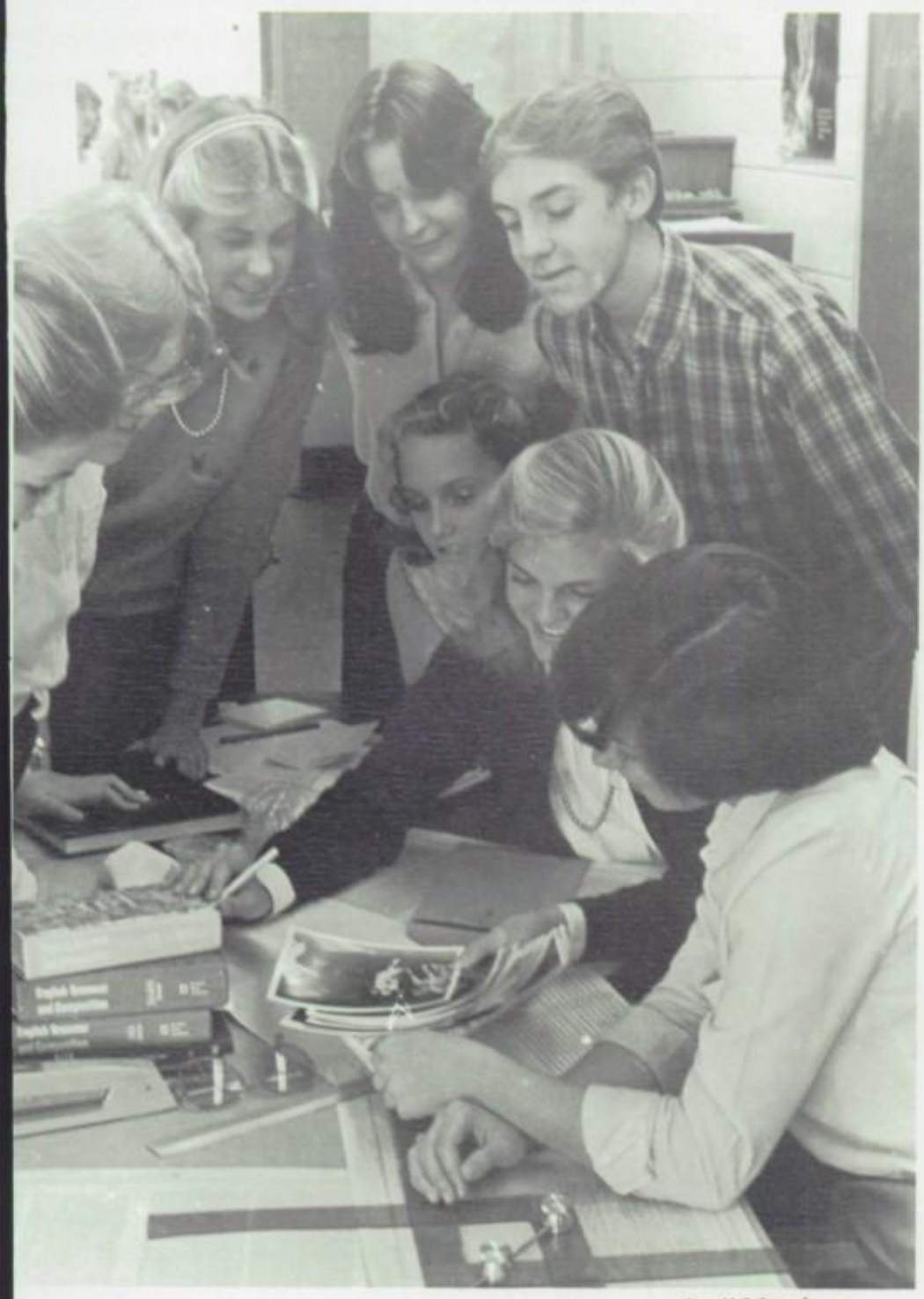
On September 27, 1981, Ellen Page, Bert Garner, Wes Taylor, Michelle Ross, Perri Stowitts, and Mr. Nelson attended a publications workshop at East Carolina. There it was discovered that our yearbook ranks as one of the best in public or private schools throughout the state; also, our student cost ranks among the lowest anywhere. All of these things are a part of our effort in creating pride!

Tremendous Thank You

Wes Taylor and Tammy Harris

Without the assistance of a host of individuals, the **1982 Voyager** would have remained only a scribble on a page. But because of dedicated students who sold more ads than ever before and because of willing buyers of ads and the book, we are able to present you our treasure. We extend a tremendous thank you to our supporters.

No publication is without error, but an effort can be made to make as few mistakes as possible. Our staff has done that and, likewise, the staff at Hunter has been most cordial and cooperative. With individuals here and there, the yield is the yearbook staff's gift to YOU!



Staff Members

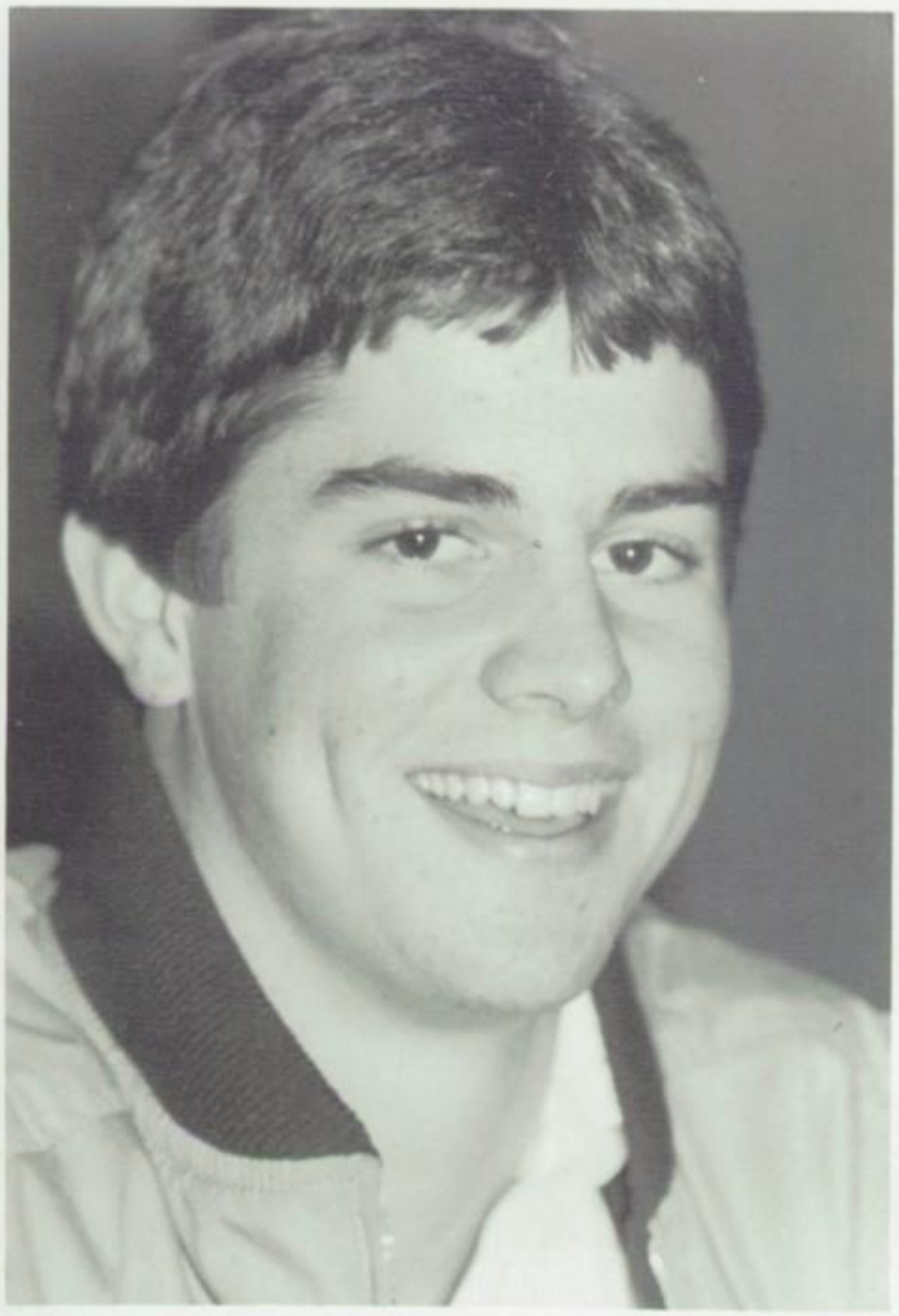
Editor-in-Chief Perri Stowitts

Editor Michelle Ross

Promoting School Pride

The 1981-82 Student Government Association attempted to promote school pride through various activities for members of the student body. Daily, members of the S.G.A. sold ice cream at break. At Christmas, the high school students were offered a break from the routine. A Christmas party for grades 8-12 was given in the gym. Loads of food provided further excitement for a snowy day. One of the major projects directly involved the student body. A needy family was sponsored through the efforts of the S.G.A. The students participated most generously and provided several car loads of needed items.

Members of the 1981-82 Student Government Association are shown above. They are as follows: Row 1 — President Ronnie Hales, Vice-President Michelle Ross, Secretary Perri Stowitts, and Treasurer Tammy Harris. Row 2 — Mrs. Geraldine Spragins (advisor), Ray Garner, Ted Garner, Tammy White, Beverly Smith, Laura Jenkins, Martha Wilson, Lindy Turner, Anne Morris, Bo Burgwyn, Pam Jones, and David Browder (not shown).



Besides the activities noted on page sixty-six, the S.G.A., under the leadership of Ronnie Hales (left), joined the Beta Club in paying for a paper shelf built for the workroom. During football season, the S.G.A. sold school spirit buttons ("I'm a Viking Fan") and directed Homecoming events. During basketball season, "spirit bugs" were sold for promotion of school spirit. The S.G.A. made a valiant effort to promote and encourage the new spirit of school pride so obvious in '81-'82.

Excellence in Academics

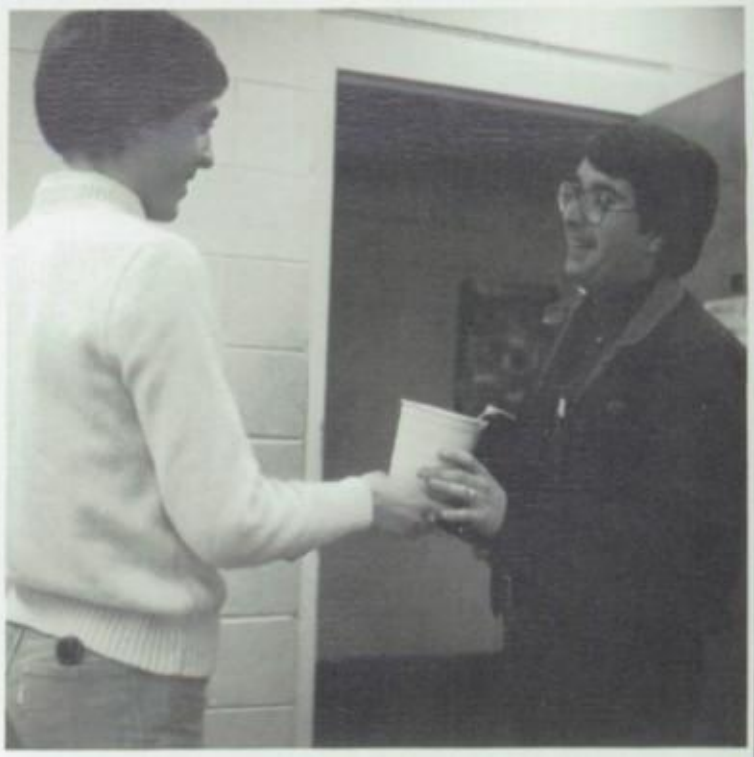
The Beta Club of Halifax Academy is associated with the National Beta Club. Recognizing students whose averages are 90 or above, the Beta Club strives to encourage further excellence in school life.

This year the Beta Club members have helped provide a paper shelf for the workroom; likewise, they have sold stew and offered chances to win a Valentine steak dinner at the Rib-Eye. Annually, the Beta Club awards a scholarship to an outstanding senior member.

Les Abshire purchases candy chance from Beta Wendy Harris.

Sybil Shearin practices for district and state talent competiton.

Beta Club Members: Ronnie Hales (president), Bert Garner, Wendy Harris, Sherry Walker (vice-president), Sybil Shearin, Debbie Warren, Mary Dunning, Michelle Ross (secretary), Paige Birdsong, Tammy Harris, Denise Patton, Kathy Shaw, Wes Taylor, Hope Snell, Ray Garner (treasurer), Mickey Liles, and Mrs. Carol Guidry (advisor).



Bert Garner delivers stew to Mr. Hinnant.

Journalism At Work

Student Rhonda DeBerry examines Christmas edition.

It has been a number of years since Halifax Academy has experienced a student journalistic effort known as the school newspaper. College Preparatory English IV took as its project the production of a newspaper for grades K-12. The staff selected the name of the paper: **Voice of the Vikings.** Much time was spent collecting information for the newspaper — especially during holiday times. After the collecting of news and items of interest, much time had to be spent preparing the paper for printing and for distributing. Generally, the parents, faculty, staff, and students have favorably commented about the new publication. Our thanks go to the members of the staff. Certainly, they have attempted to keep us an informed student body.

Connie Davis purchases copy from staff member Tammy White.

Staff Members shown to the left are as follows: Gil Cutchin, Tere Su Whitley, Tammy White, Jimmy Williams, Perri Stowitts, Ronnie Hales, Mr. Rodney Nelson (advisor), Sherry Walker, and JoAnne Rightmyer. Not shown: Donna Browder, Hope Snell, Eddie Nelms, and Ray Garner.

Anchors Aweigh!

In the past the Anchor Club has been one of our most active organizations. This national girls' society is sponsored by Pilot International.

Our Anchors sponsored the Secret Santa project. Each teacher was treated daily the week before the Christmas holidays. One major event this year was the sponsorship of the Christmas Ball.

Anchor members are as follows: Row 1 — Teresa Johnson (president), Tammy Harris (vice-president), Tammy White (secretary), Debbie Warren (treasurer), Paige Birdsong, Michelle Ross, Beth Burnette; Row 2 — Angie Wood, Betsy Brewer, Rhonda DeBerry, Ellen Page, Stephanie Johnston, Cindy Burnside; Row 3 — Perri Stowitts, Donna Horne, Missy Gardiner, Yvonne Butts, Kathy Shaw, Ruth Jenkins, Jeanean Burgess; Row 4 — Hope Snell, Donna Browder, Melissa Gupton, Mary Dunning, Wes Taylor, Connie Davis.

For Our Lettermen

Monogram Club members are as follows: Debbie Warren, Tammy Harris, Michelle Ross, Tony Copeland, Dawn Griffin, Wendy Harris, Ruth Jenkins, Yvonne Butts, Missy Gardiner, Sherry Walker, Teresa Johnson, Paige Birdsong, Perri Stowitts, Laura Jenkins, Kathy Shaw, Jo Anne Rightmyer, David Browder, Les Abshire, Rhonda DeBerry, Melissa Gupton, Ellen Page, Mary Ann Griffin, Ray Garner, Ed Johnston, Darryl Keener, Stephanie Johnston, Beth Burnette, Ghi Suiter, Will Pleasant, Gil Cutchin, Eddie Williams, Jimmy Grant, David Inscoe, Bryan Williams, Ronald Hale, Ted Garner, Bert Garner, Ricky Cobb, Steve Viverette; not shown: Ronnie Hales, Mr. George Alston (sponsor), Mr. Jim Elam (sponsor).

Halifax Academy has an athletic tradition of which our parents and students are proud. In recognition of athletic participation, the athletic officials award students letters. Upon receipt of a letter, the student athlete becomes a member of our Monogram Club.

Each year the Monogram Club has fundraising campaigns. This year the club attempted to raise money by offering chances to win a $25 gift certificate to Big Star. With the funds, students are enabled to attend the annual Athletic Banquet which honors the athletes.

Studying Society

Psychology Club members are as follows: Mary Ann Griffin, Hope Snell, Sherry Walker, Betsy Shearin, Donna Browder, Teresa Johnson, LuAnne Harris, Tammy Keeter, Perri Stowitts, Jo Anne Rightmyer, Robin Jones, Ray Garner, Thad Perry, Robin Hux, Connie Davis, Ed Johnston, Donna Vaughan, Tere Su Whitley, Tammy White, Ronnie Hales, Gil Cutchin, Jimmy Williams, and Mrs. Cathy Aycock (sponsor).

Each year the Psychology Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Cathy Aycock, journeys to Raleigh to visit the different institutions of correction. Again this year the members toured Polk Youth Center and Women's Prison; at Polk they had the opportunity to converse with several offenders.

The Psychology Club was established for students who have or are taking sociology and psychology.

Spit-wads, Airplanes, Tylenol!

Mrs. Julia Burgess, Sherry Walker, David Inscoe, and Ronald Hale were our bus drivers during 1981-82. A little conversation with these people might reveal a number of headaches. From spit-wads, airplanes, and loud mouths, bus drivers experience a little of everything to provide safe transportation for students.

Craftsmen At Work

Again this year our students joined the students of Roanoke Rapids High School, Weldon High School, and Gaston High School as participants in the Roanoke Valley Junior Achievement program. We salute these students for their efforts to learn values concerning the business world. Participants from our school are shown to the right: Jimmy Grant, Charles Hockaday, Tammy Bohannon, John Rhea, and Missy Gardiner.

Learning By Assisting

Each year seniors have the opportunity to serve as aides if selected by a teacher. Many of the students take advantage of the opportunity to be of assistance as well as learn from the work. This year's aides were Perri Stowitts, Lisa Moseley, Hope Snell, Tere Su Whitley, Betsy Shearin, Robin Jones, Mary Ann Griffin, Ronnie Hales, Ray Garner, Tammy White, Connie Davis, Teresa Johnson, and Gil Cutchin.

Brownie Troop Rewarding

Our young girls are able to participate in a group experience through Brownies. They are shown to the left: Chrissy Norvell, Julie Harris, Lisa White, Lisa DeBerry, Vickie Sargent, Angie Wade, Tiffany Garner, Melissa Glover, Kathy Williams, Becky Love, Donna DiAngelo, Shawn Letters, Stamie DeBerry, Amy Daniels, Julie Hughes, Jennifer Oakes, Gloria Sargent (leader), and Joyce White (leader).

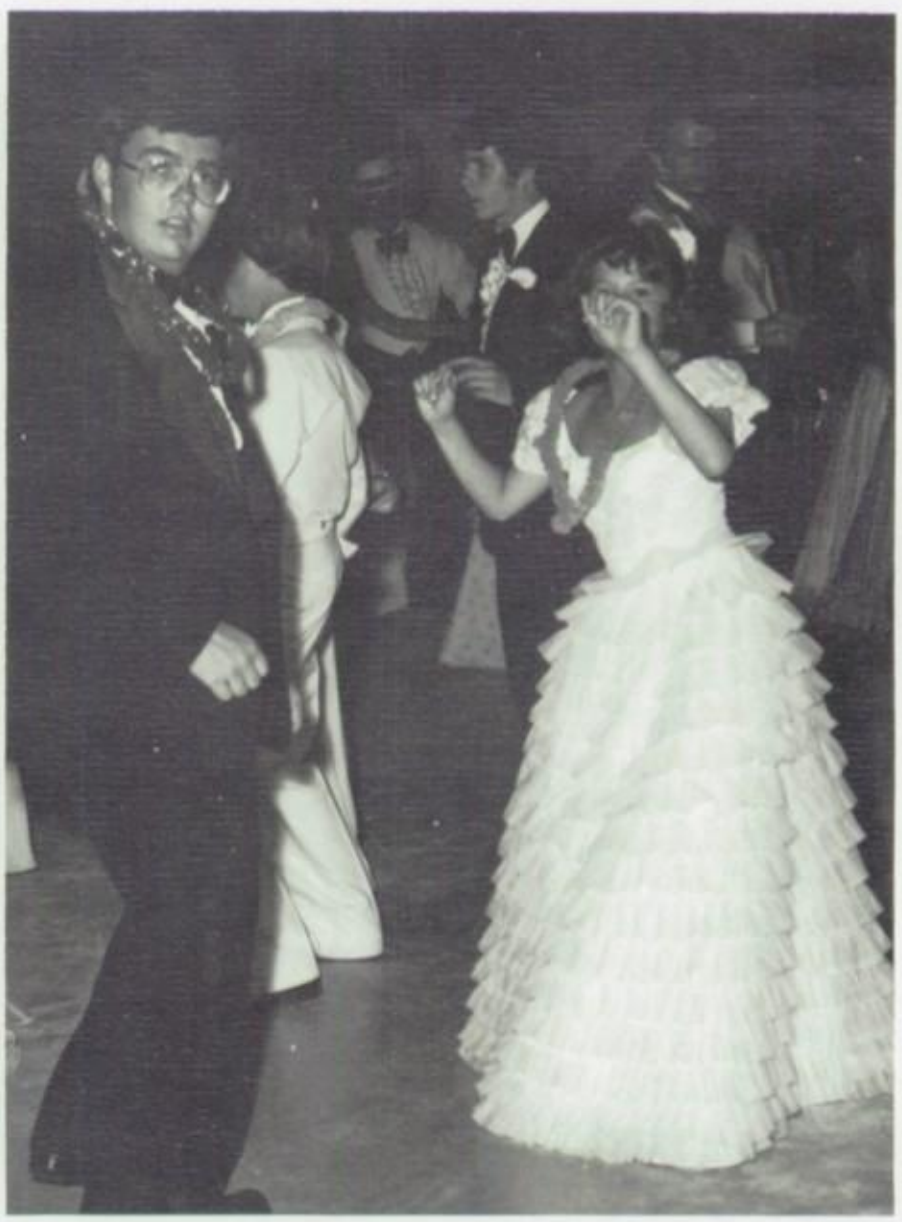
And If The Wind Is Right . . .

All the magic and excitement filled the gym that had been transformed into an island paradise. The Junior Class had worked hard to see that May 8, 1981, was a success! Those present for the 1981 Junior-Senior Prom were entertained by the band "Casper." There was no hesitation on anyone's part in proclaiming that the music was fantastic!

The night was special and was a memory to be treasured forever. The excitement was added to with the Senior Walk and the dedication of the theme, "Sailing." All the flowers, dresses, and tuxedos added to the atmosphere of this reverie. The hard work, late hours, and numerous chalk fights paid off to make this a night of serenity and fantasy or maybe even a night to sail away . . .

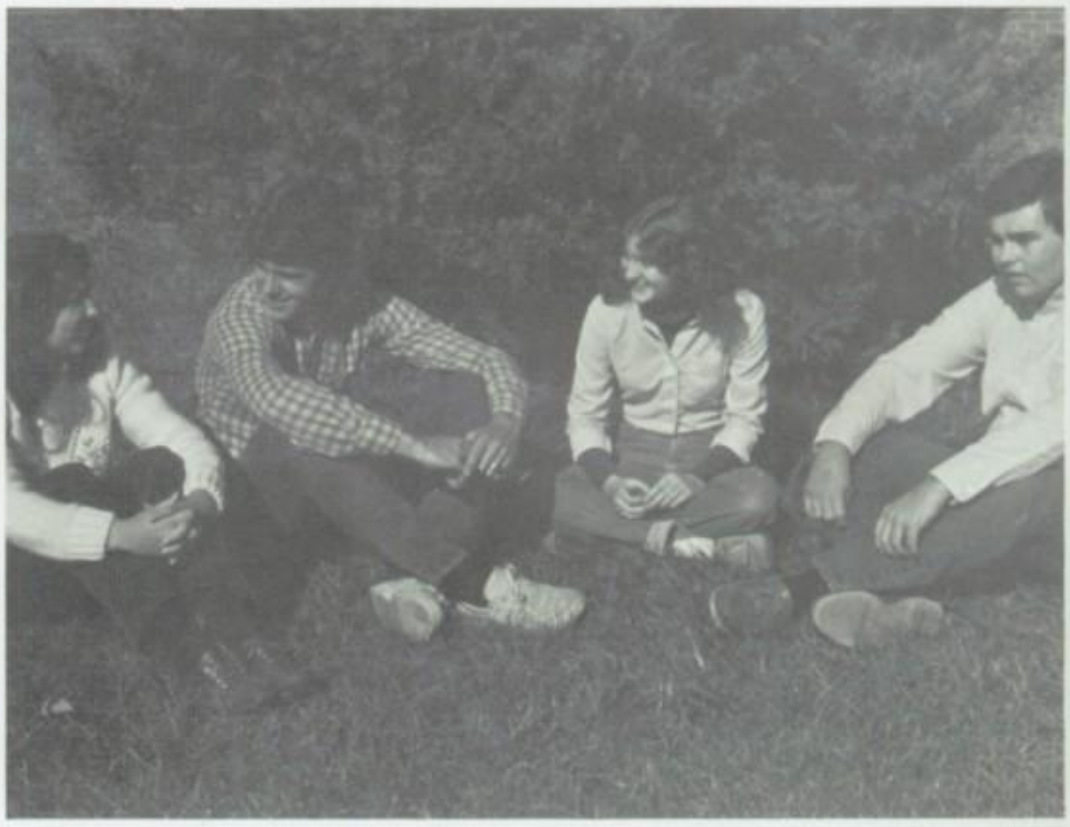
Right: Mary Ann Griffin labors in preparation for the big night. Below: Waiters and waitresses (from left to right) Angie Wood, Michelle Ross, Debbie Warren, Beth Burnette, Ronald Hale, Tony Copeland, Ricky Cobb, and Ted Garner pause from their work to pose for a "Crew" picture. Page 75 (top): "Casper" delights the listeners. Page 75 (bottom left): School Board Chairman Bill Johnston and his wife join the festivities. Page 75 (bottom right): Ray Garner and Kim King step to the sounds of "Casper."

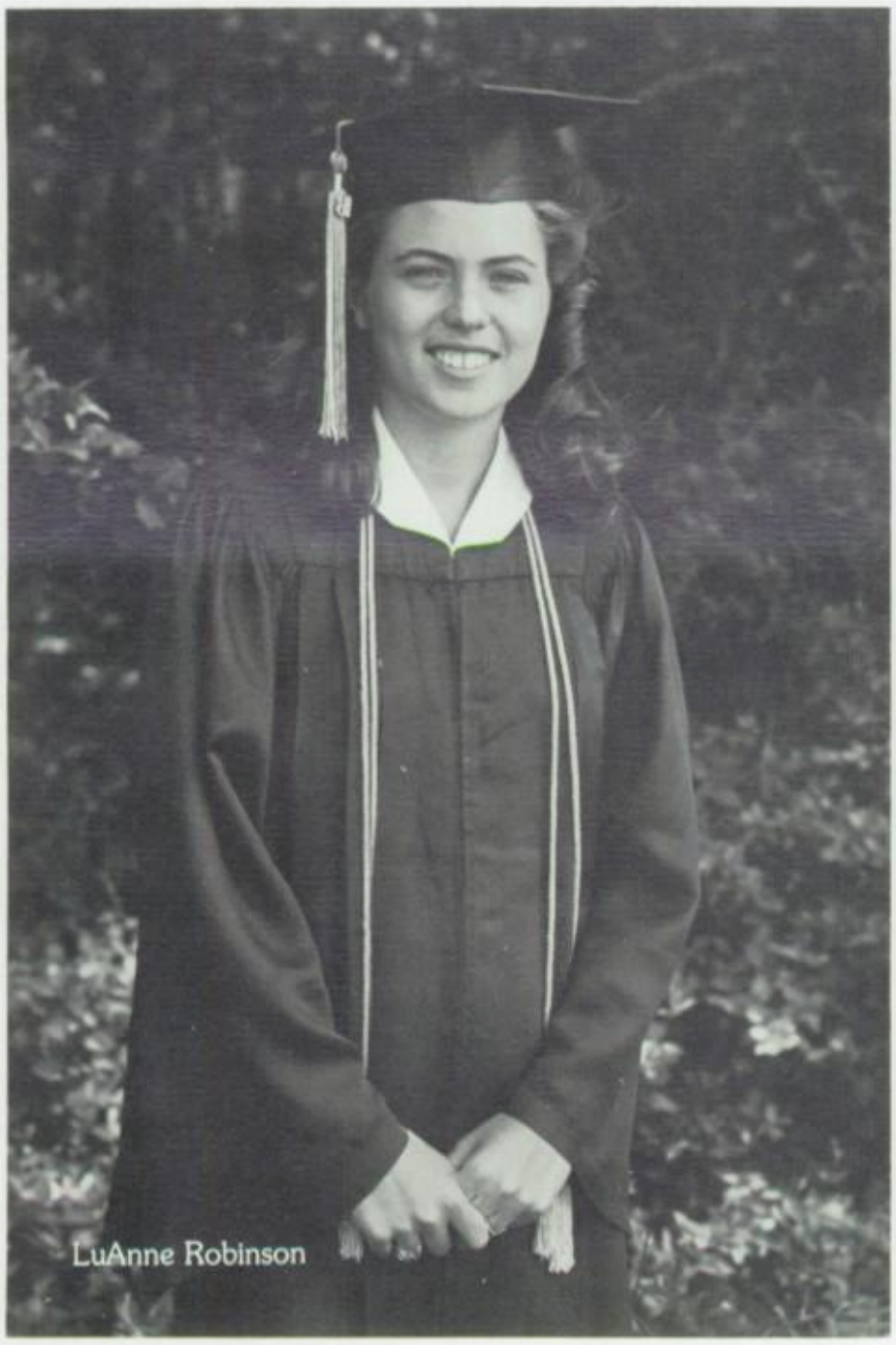
You Can Sail Away . . .



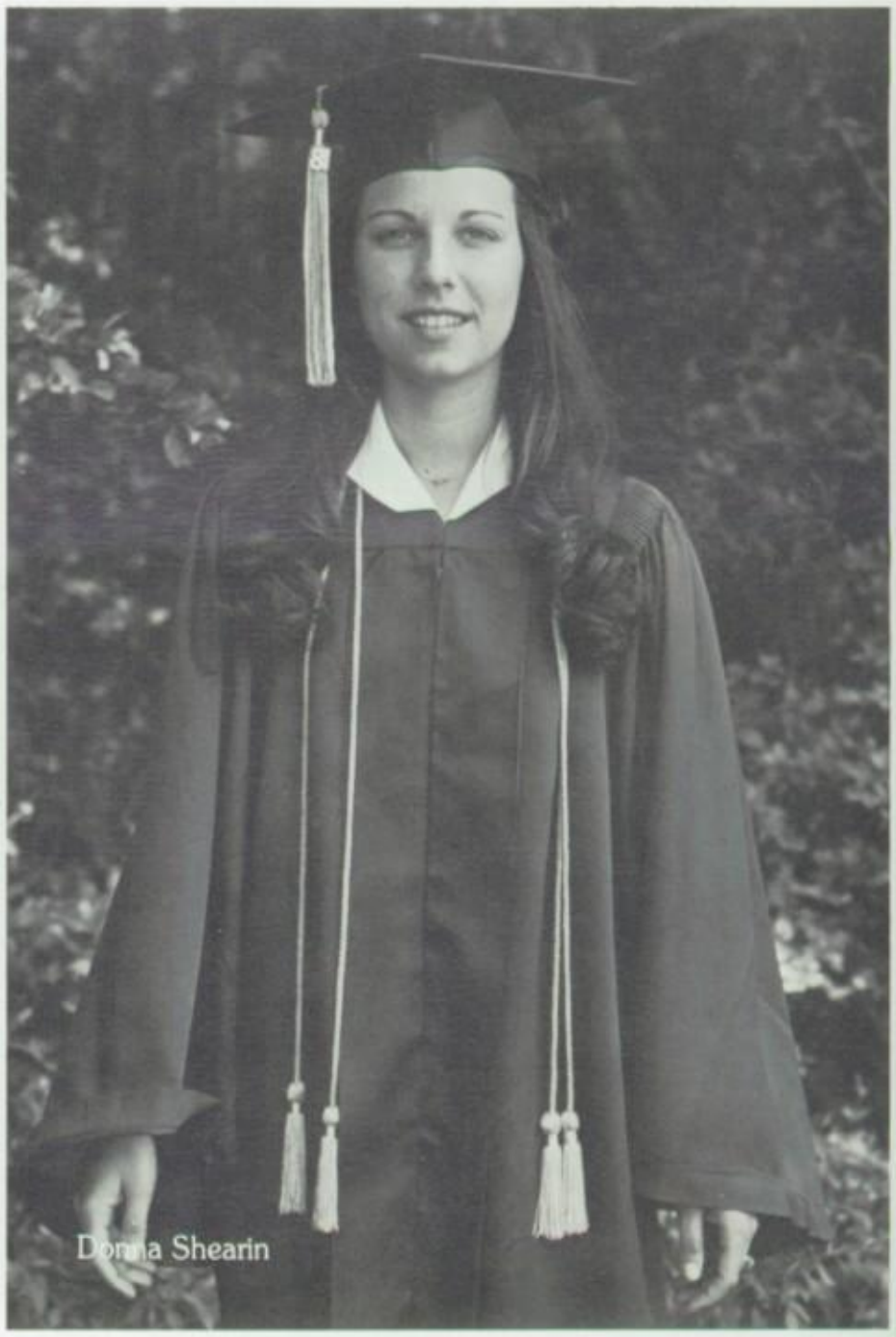
A Happy Departure

The Class of '81 was led in commencement exercises by mascots Donna Edwards and Phil Spragins. Donna Shearin was valedictorian and LuAnne Robinson was salutatorian. Marshals from the Junior Class were Sherry Walker, Ronnie Hales, Hope Snell, Ray Garner, Heidi Turner (not shown).





LuAnne Robinson



Donna Shearin

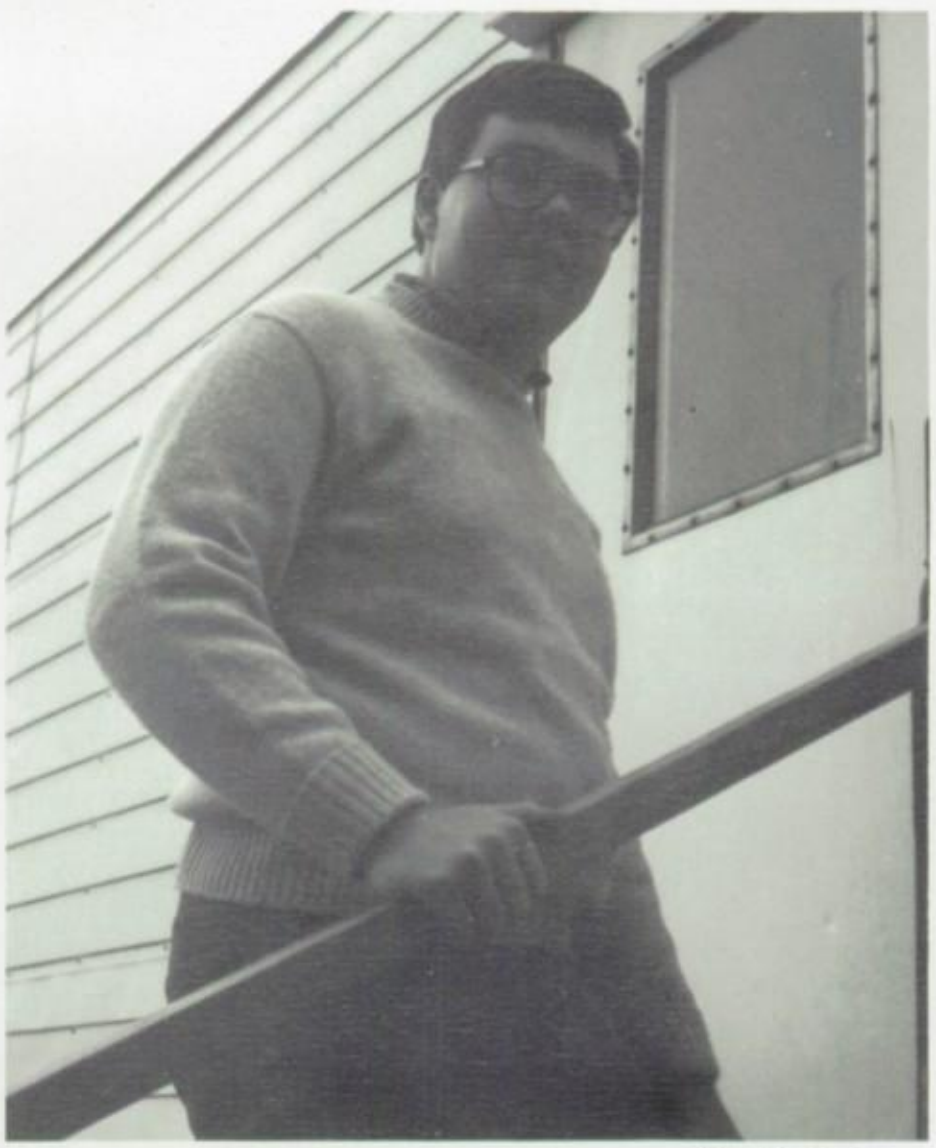
Special Recognition

Ted Garner, Mary Dunning, Bert Garner, Cindy Burnside

Numerous state events have had Halifax participants. During the week of March 23-27, 1981, Bert Garner served as a page to Governor Hunt; June 1-5, Ted Garner served in the House of Representatives; June 8-12, Mary Dunning and Cindy Burnside served as pages to Governor Hunt. During the week of June 14-20, Perri Stowitts attended Girls' State at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro while Ray Garner attended Boys' State at Wake Forest University.

We recognize these individuals for their contributions to their school and community.

Perri Stowitts



Ray Garner

It's Homecoming Y'all!

Homecoming began on what could be called a victorious note: It didn't rain! Victory number two came with the football game as the Vikings upended rival Northeast, 23-0.

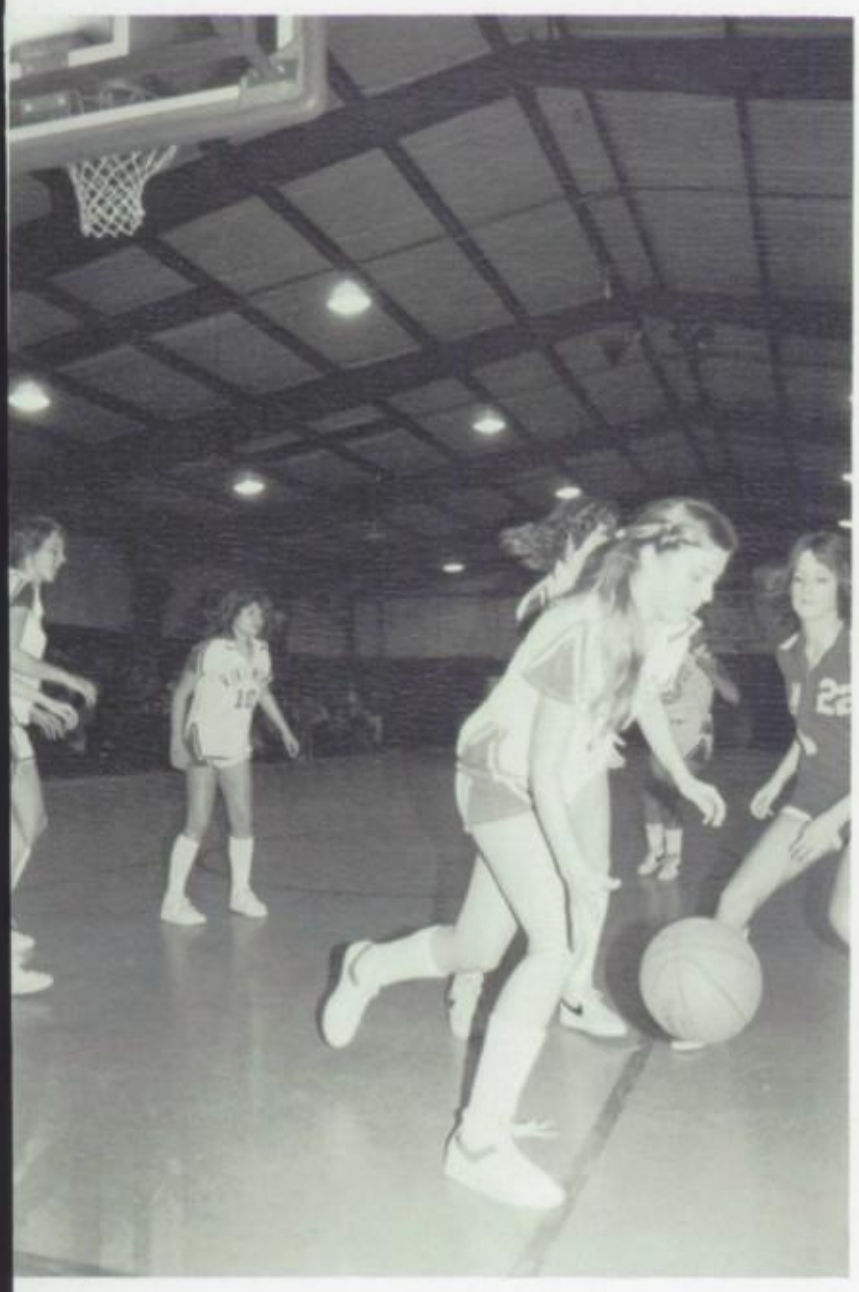
With the largest crowd of the season on hand, the halftime festivities began with representatives from grades 7-11 and queen candidates being escorted onto the field by their fathers. 1980-81 Homecoming Queen Karen Blee was present for the crowning of the new queen. As the anticipation of the night grew, the big moment finally came. Miss Perri Stowitts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stowitts of Weldon, was crowned 1981-82 Homecoming Queen. A dance followed the game, and the queen and her court were presented again.

Homecoming was a big week with special events and spirit promotion activities providing loads of preliminary excitement.

Above Right: Teresa Johnson and Perri Stowitts, two of the candidates for Homecoming Queen, visit with friends and make sure that they're ready for their march onto the field at halftime. Mrs. Spragins, S.G.A. sponsor, patiently observes the preparations. Above: Karen Blee crowns Perri Stowitts while Mr. Stowitts proudly observes. Right: At the dance, Perri smiles as she accepts congratulatory remarks.

Above: Court representatives from left to right were Tammy Davis (7), Angie Sorie (8), Lindy Turner (9), Lori Edwards (9), Linda Miles (10), Cindy Burnside (11), Michelle Ross (11), and not shown is Tammy Bohannon (10). The four senior candidates for 1981-82 Homecoming Queen were from left to right Connie Davis, Tammy White, Perri Stowitts, and Teresa Johnson.

Miss Perrior Ann Stowitts
1981-82 Homecoming Queen



One of the major ways our individuals come together is in their efforts to become a team that can go the distance against competitors. 1981-82 certainly was not one of the greatest years in the history of our school as far as sports was concerned. Nevertheless, the athletic program functioned to bring together students who participated and students who observed. Considering the records of our teams, one would immediately recognize the amazing support given by the fans — students and parents. School spirit was great. For example, the fans went to the basketball games at N.E.W. and Lawrence and both times "took control" because of their enthusiastic support. Winning or losing, the Viking individuals learned through their participation in athletics!

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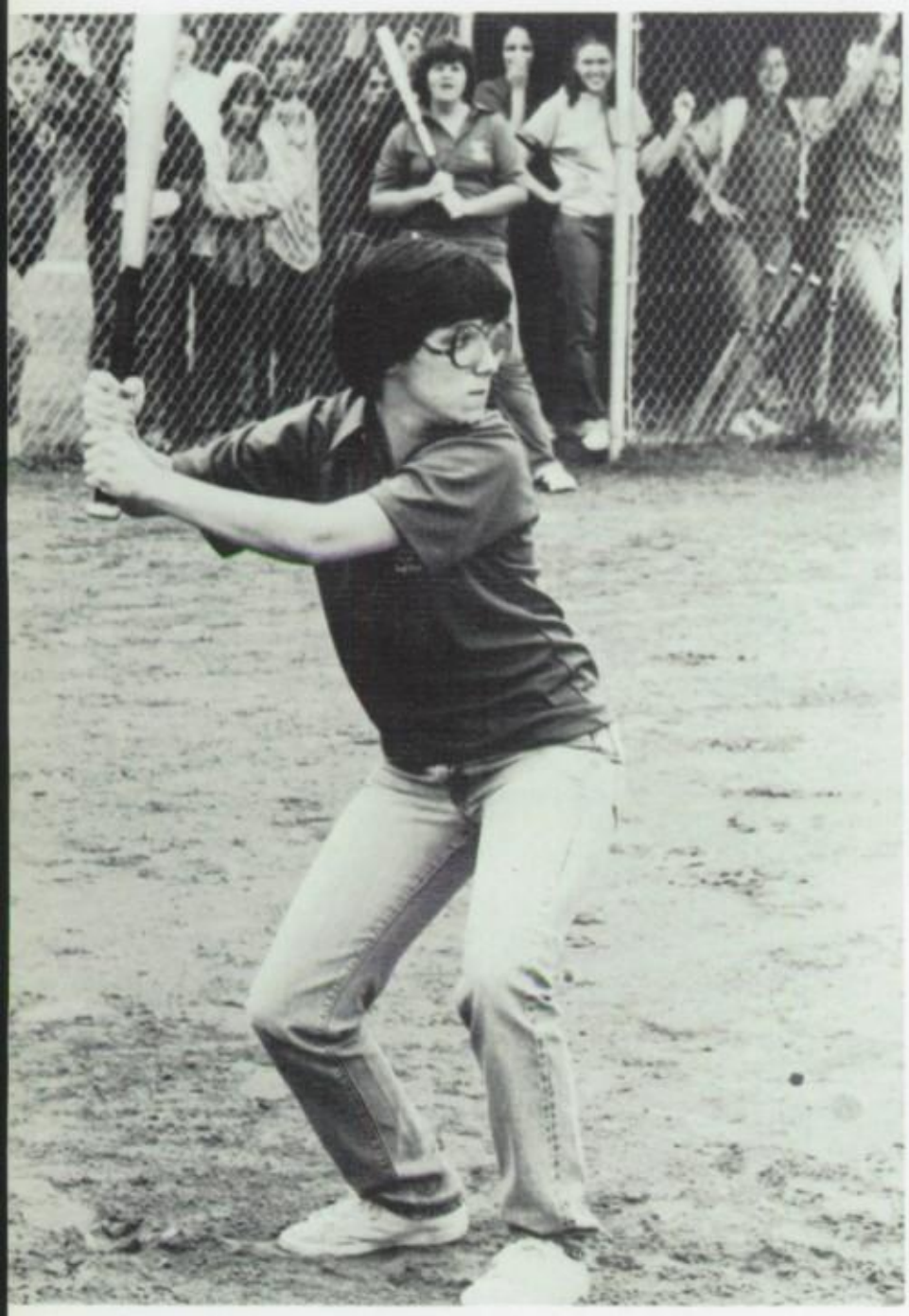
Goin' the Distance

Flop, Flop, Fizz, Fizz!

The end of the 1981 softball season was a relief for the Vikings. The team suffered its worst season ever as it posted a record of one win and ten losses. There was one point during mid-season that boosted the team's spirit. The girls managed three close games with N. E. W., Enfield, and Hobgood. The only win of the long season came in the season finale as the Vikes defeated rival Enfield, 12-5.



Upper Right: Team members (from left to right) were Dawn Griffin (manager), Teresa Johnson, Missy Gardiner, Rhonda DeBerry, Laura Jenkins, Michelle Ross, Shelia Johnson (manager); row 2: Coach Danny Hinnant, Beth Burnette, Tammy Harris, Ruth Jenkins, Ellen Page, Debbie Warren, LuAnne Robinson, Paige Birdsong, Lisa Gupton, Mary Ann Griffin, and Assistant Coach Gene Johnson. Above: Michelle Ross is all business in a rainy game with Hobgood. Right: Tammy Harris occupies first base while Teresa Johnson waits to leave second.

SCOREBOARD

Halifax		Opponent
6	Enfield	23
2	Warren	15
1	Hobgood	6
4	Warren	15
4	Northeast	14
9	N.E.W.	11
6	Enfield	9
8	Hobgood	10
0	Northeast	9
0	N.E.W.	10
12	Enfield	5

Left: Despite having been "caged in" by their opponents, the Vikings placed Teresa Johnson on the all-conference team. Middle left: Missy Gardiner watches the play on the field. Bottom left: Manager Dawn Lee Griffin seems content even though things seem to have flopped. Below: Assistant Coach Gene Johnson and Coach Danny Hinnant continue to take their job seriously.

If It's Spring . . .

The 1981 Halifax Academy baseball team stepped onto the diamond with a winning tradition behind them. Very few Viking baseball teams have fallen short of a championship. At times it appeared the tradition would hold, but the 1981 edition of Viking baseball suffered four one-run losses and one loss by two runs. Many times the Vikings managed to get runners on the base pads, but clutch hitting never came through.

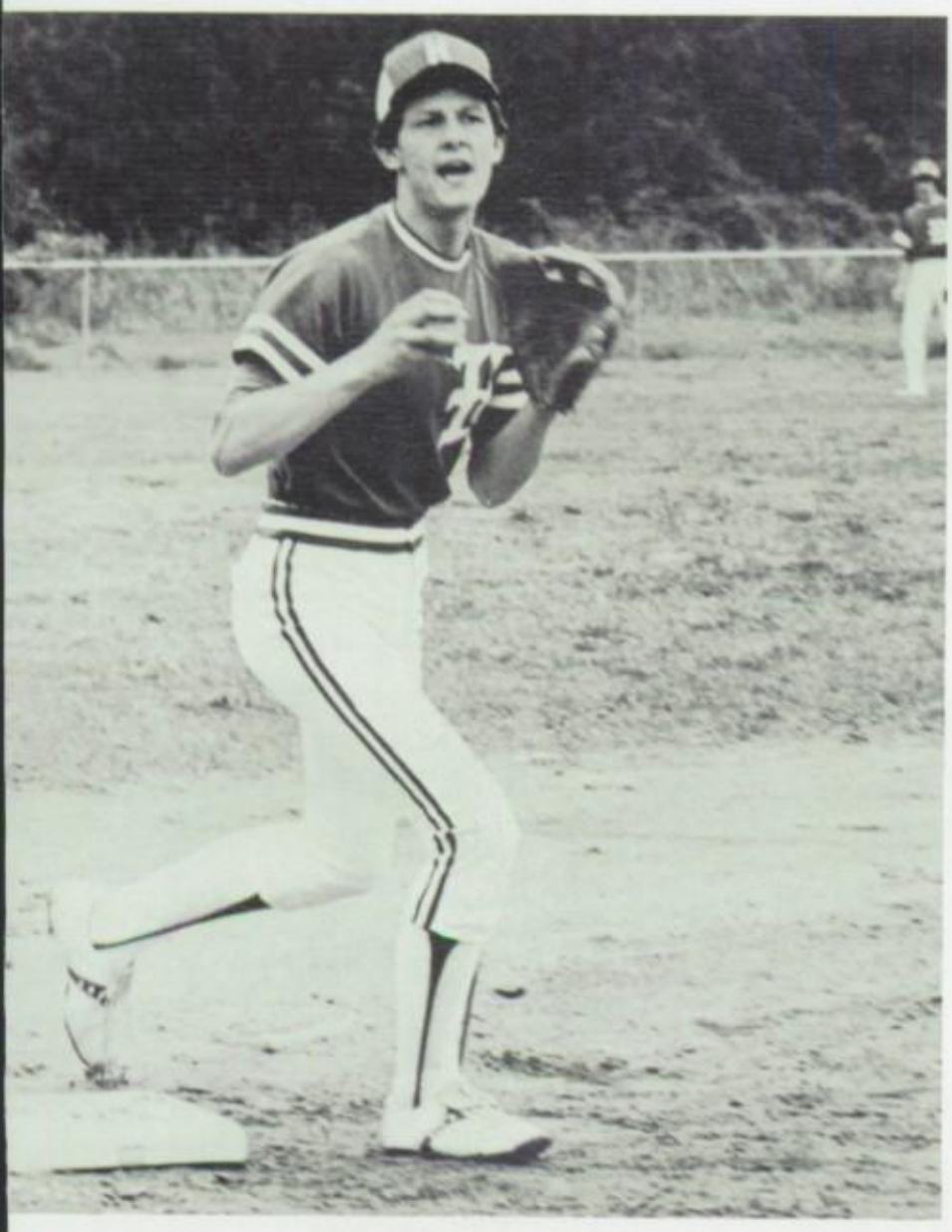
The Vikings managed a second-place finish in the Carolina Academy Conference and advanced to the District 2 play-offs as one of the two conference representatives. For the play-off game, the Vikes traveled to Lawrence to face the Warriors on their home field. It was there that the fourth one-run loss of the season occurred. That close defeat ended another successful baseball campaign at Halifax Academy, but the Vikings couldn't manage a championship in baseball during the 1981 season.

The Vikings did manage to place two players on the all-conference list. They were David Gardner and Mike Vaughan.

SCOREBOARD

Halifax		Opponent
8	Ridgecroft	4
14	Enfield	2
10	Warren	0
2	Hobgood	3
8	Warren	7
14	Northeast	2
8	N.E.W.	9
11	Enfield	7
0	Hobgood	2
18	Northeast	1
8	N.E.W.	9
12	Enfield	1
3	Lawrence (District Play-off)	4

It Must Be Baseball!



Page 84: Team members (left to right) row one: Bobby Lyons, Chris Copeland, Tony Copeland, Mike Vaughan, Ted Garner, Darryl Keener, Jimmy Grant; row two: David Gardner, Art Wollett, Tommy Fox, Ronnie Hales, Ray Garner, John Poythress, Junius Tillery, and Coach George Alston. Page 84 (bottom): Coach Alston directs infield practice. Above left: Third baseman Tommy Fox makes the play. Above right: Catcher Art Wollett joins Coach Alston for the infield practice prior to a rainy confrontation with league opponent Hobgood. Left: Between innings, the Vikings huddle to discuss strategy in their 2-0 loss to Hobgood.

A Year Like No Other

From left to right, team members are (row 1) Chris Copeland, Will Pleasant, David Browder, Darryl Keener, Les Abshire, Ghi Suiter; (row 2) Manager Dennis Rogers, Eddie Williams, Tony Copeland, Ted Garner, John Rhea, Ricky Cobb, Manager "Toot" Elias; (row 3) Coach Jim Elam, Ronald Hale, Ronnie Hales, Bryan Williams, Steve Viverette, and David Inscoe.

"Beyond a doubt we have the best positive attitude of any Halifax team in recent years." Those were the words of Coach Jim Elam prior to the 1981 football season. Elam praised the team for its hard work and determination. Preseason practice had begun for the Vikings on August 3, but the team members had even participated in workouts two days a week since June 13. The 1981 Vikings were to attempt to improve on a 1980 season that saw the team win only once — the worst record in the school's football history. The plan was to overcome the handicap of being relatively small by using quickness and positive attitudes.

The Vikings opened the season August 28 by playing host to eventual state runners-up, Pender Academy. Early in the game, the Vikes fell behind the much larger and more experienced Raiders on a few key mistakes and one bad call by the officials and were never able to recover. Although they were down on the scoreboard, the team played its hardest through the final play. Coach Elam encouraged the players and the Viking supporters to trust that the 52-0 loss was not indicative of the kind of season the Vikes would have. There was confidence that the players were anxious to prove that Halifax had a good team.

On September 4 the Vikes faced the

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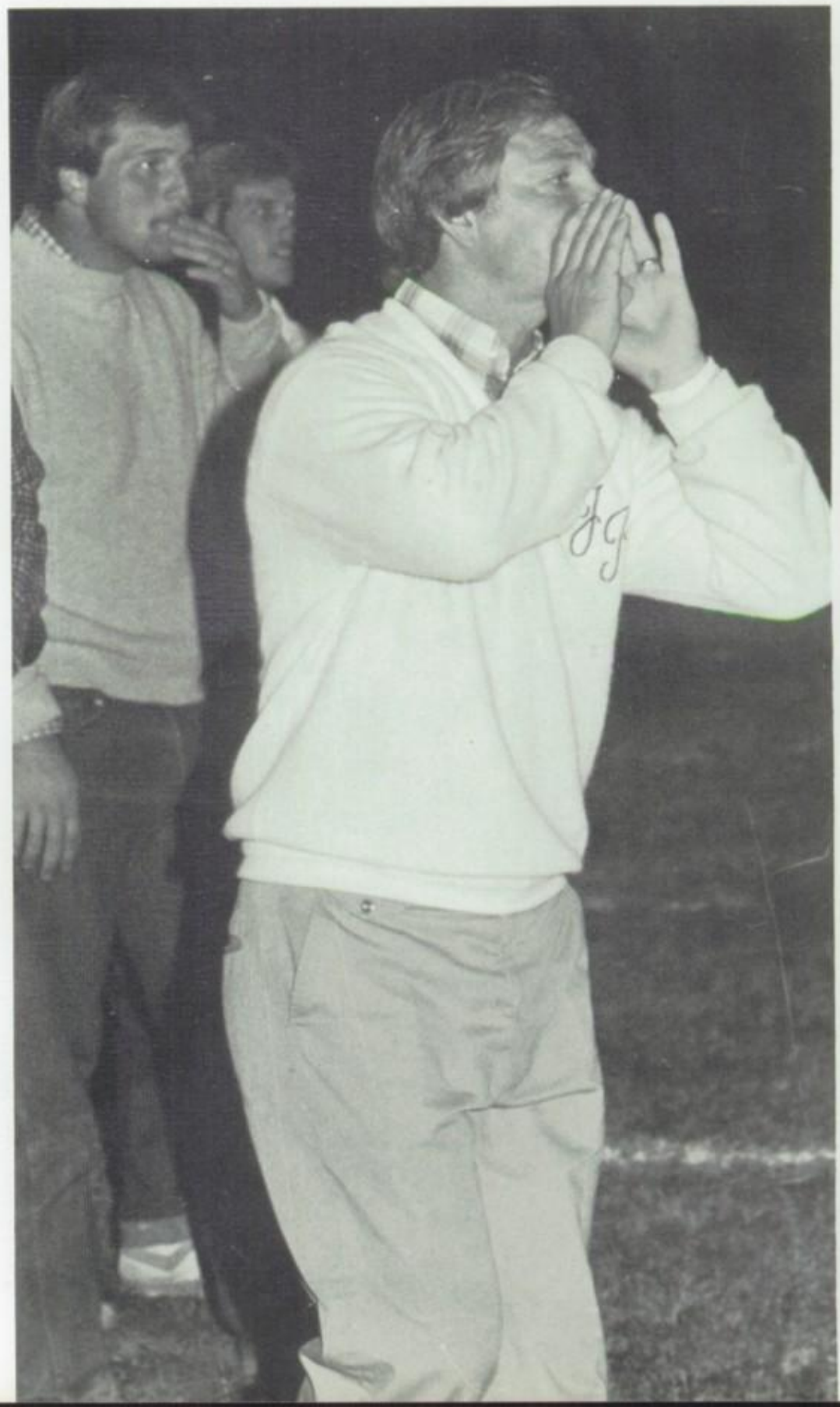


Page 86: Coach Elam offers instructions from the sideline. Extreme top: A Northeast player manages to tackle all-conference performer Ronnie Hales. Above: A host of Vikings, led by Ricky Cobb and Tony Copeland, upend a Northeast runner. Far left: Three young Viking supporters observe Homecoming action against Northeast. Left: Allen Guidry, another young Viking, signals "Touchdown" as the Vikings roll over rival Northeast, 23-0.

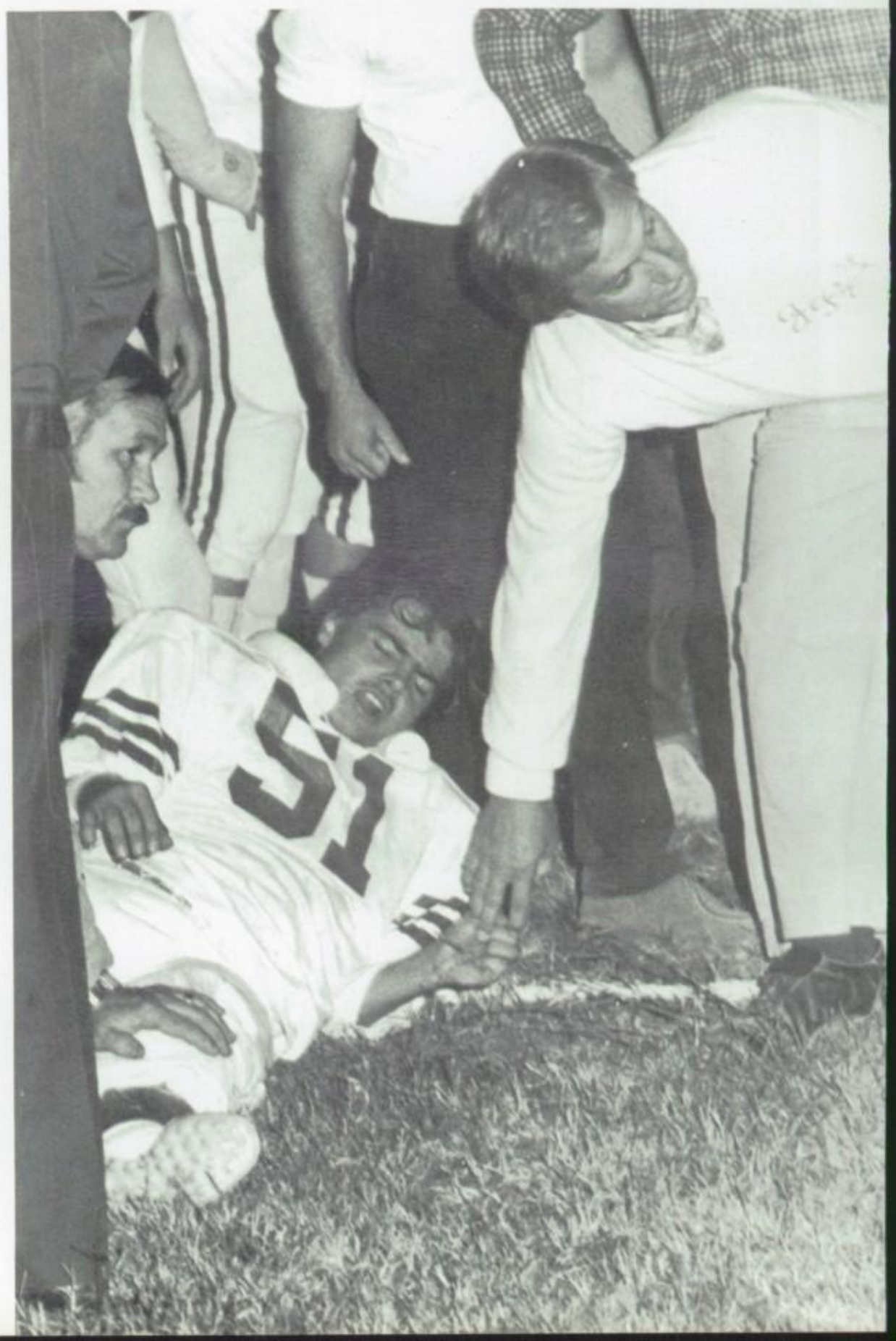
Wilson Christian Chargers in Wilson. Showing improvement in every phase of their game, the Vikes outplayed Wilson. Unfortunately, the Chargers managed a 70-yard pass play late in the second quarter for the game's only TD. On several occasions the Vikes carried the ball within the Chargers 10-yard line but failed to reach paydirt against the number five team in the state.

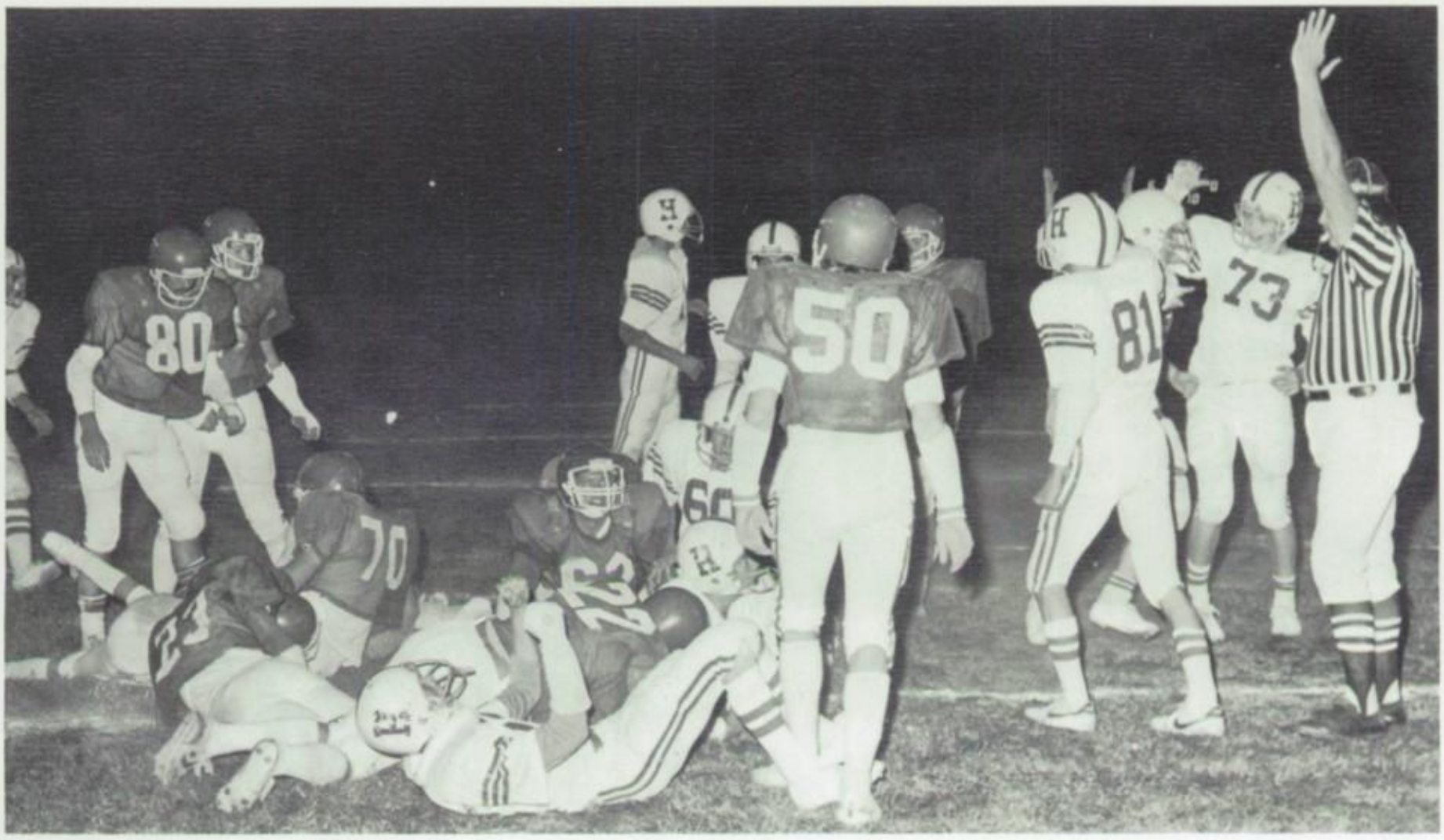
The first district game of the season was held on the Vikes' home field against Lawrence. Again the team found itself in the midst of a close one, but this time the Vikes squeaked out an 8-6 victory and posted win number one.

At Warren on September 18, the Vikes proved that they could put points on the board. The Vikes and the Warriors battled to a 14-14 tie at the end of regulation. In the overtime Warren managed the first score and capitalized on the two-point conversion. The Vikes, however, came fighting back and scored, but failed to convert the point-after try. In a heartbreaker, the Vikes lost 22-20.

The Vikes then traveled to Elizabeth City to face Albemarle. Once again the offense rolled, but a multiplicity of fumbles cost the Vikings a close one, 24-22.

With a 1-1 district record, the Vikes traveled to play Enfield. The Halifax





Page 88: John Rhea, Will Pleasant, David Browder, and Quarterback Les Abshire take a break from the action. Bottom: Darryl Keener shows the anquish of an injury that plagued him for the season. Above: It's a TD for the Vikes! Left: These young ladies have been captivated by the new Viking spirit that became contagious in 1981!

team gave Enfield all it could handle and had numerous chances to win. The score actually was not indicative of the game as the Vikings dropped the contest, 20-6.

On Homecoming night, the Vikes put on an excellent performance for the season's largest crowd and jumped to a 20-0 halftime lead over Northeast. The final score was 23-0, and the Vikes evened their district record at 2-2.

In a non-district contest, the Vikes played Pungo without star running back Ronnie Hales. The Vikes scored in the first quarter and led 7-0 until about two minutes remaining in the first half. Then Pungo broke an 80-yard touchdown run and made the two-point conversion. The halftime score of 8-7 remained to be the game's final.

The season highlight was a Thursday night district contest with Hobgood on their home field. The Raiders were ranked third in the state and were unbeaten in district play. In probably the best performance by a Halifax team since the 1976 state championship, the Vikings shocked the district with a 20-8 blasting of Hobgood. The Vikes had jumped to a 20-2 halftime lead and coasted to the victory. It was a game that had the community talking about the determined Vikings.

In the final regular season contest, the Vikings blasted N. E. W., 27-8 to

finish the regular season at 4-6. It was a losing record that involved three two-point losses and a one-point loss. Easily, the Vikes could have been 8-2.

In an amazing turn of events, the Vikings managed a second-place tie for the district as Enfield closed its season with an overtime win over Hobgood. Because the Vikes had blasted Hobgood, the 4-2 district record was good enough to claim district runners-up honors. The Vikes traveled to Goldsboro to play unbeaten Wayne Country Day in the state play-off game. The Vikings managed to make a game of it, but lost 27-12.

The Vikings had only one senior, and things look great for '82. All-conference honors went to Ronnie Hales, Ronald Hale, Ted Garner, Steve Viverette, and freshman quarterback Les Abshire. The Vikes decided at the beginning of the season that they would act and think like winners, and with determination and hard work they became winners — it was a year like no other!

Extreme top: Receiver Ted Garner picks up yardage after a pass completion against Northeast. Above: Freshman Quarterback Les Abshire pitches out to Senior Ronnie Hales. Page 91: A Viking Victory!

SCOREBOARD

Halifax		Opponent	Halifax		Opponent
0	Pender	52	23	Northeast	0
0	Wilson Christian	8	7	Pungo	8
8	Lawrence	6	20	Hobgood	8
20	Warren	22	27	N.E.W.	8
22	Albemarle	24	12	Wayne C.D.	27
6	Enfield	20		(State Play-off)	

Losing But Learning

The Junior Lady Vikings often showed spurts of potential during the season; however, those spurts proved to be too little. Opening with a victory against non-conference opponent Lawrence, the girls looked forward to a game with rival Enfield. The ladies put forth a strong effort, but the more experienced Enfield girls managed to upend the Vikes. The third game was at Warren and the girls rallied in the last seconds to fall short by only two points. With several wide-margined defeats following, the team played host to Warren. Again, the Warriors squeaked out a two-point victory. Two close losses were suffered thereafter, but one of the highlights of the season was a one-point win over Hobgood there. Closing out their season at home with Northeast and Hobgood, the Junior Lady Vikes demonstrated that junior varsity serves as a learning experience.

Row 1 — Jill Dickens, Angie Sorie, Donna Abshire, Doris Boseman, Nora Leigh Hockaday, Traie Mayo, Wendy Bunch, Susan Nelson; Row 2 — Becky Cooper, Sallie Little, Anne Morris, Kim Salmon, Martha Wilson, Dawn Lee Griffin, Coach Danny Hinnant.

Emotionally Involved

SCOREBOARD

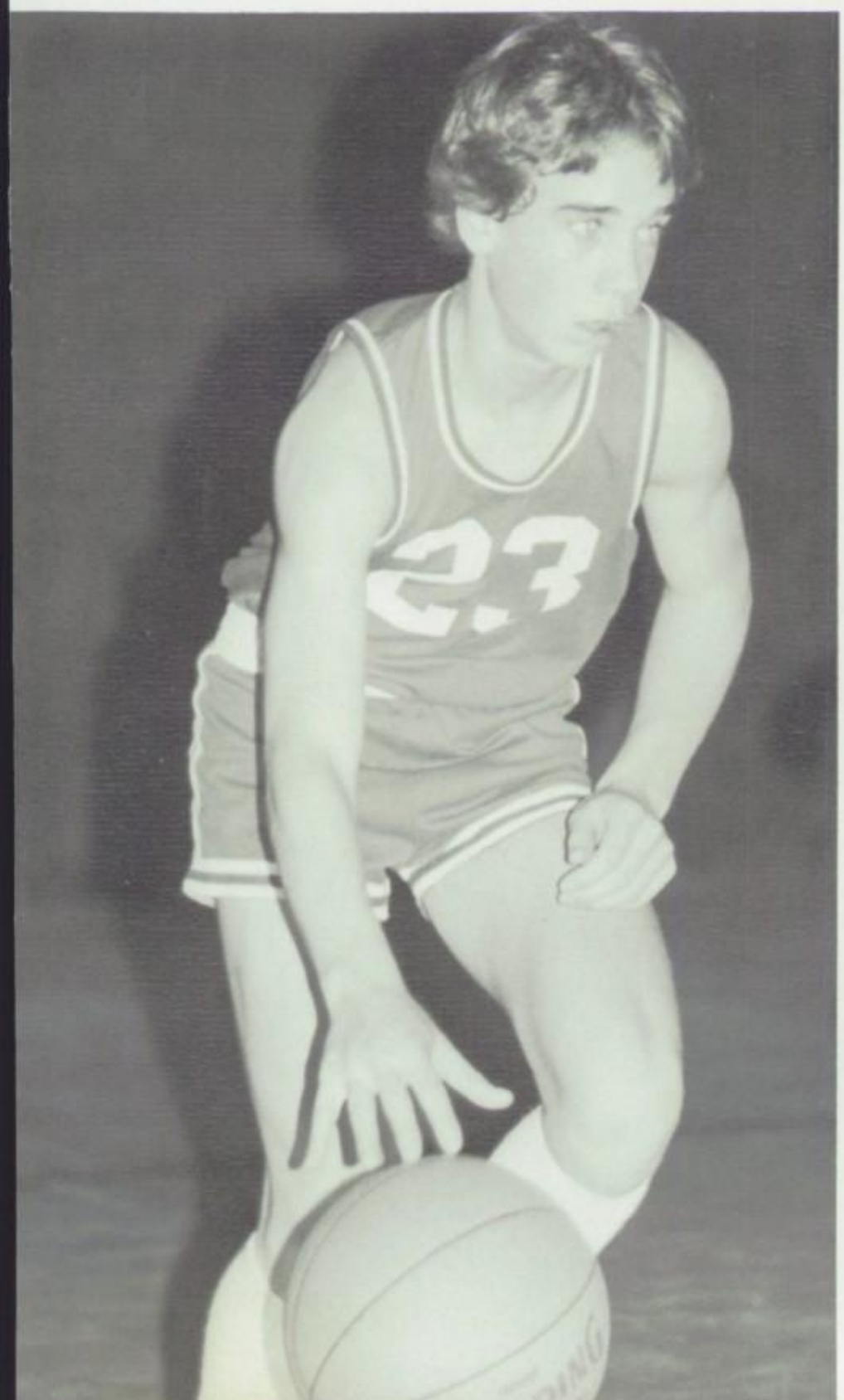
Halifax		Opponent
28	Lawrence	18
15	*Enfield	29
18	*Warren	20
15	*N.E.W.	30
15	*Enfield	49
25	*Warren	27
24	*Northeast	27
23	*N.E.W.	30
19	*Hobgood	18
12	Lawrence	22
20	*Northeast	28
19	*Hobgood (O.T.)	23
22	**Northeast	31

*conference game
**tournament game

Those who observed the junior varsity girls would be quick to proclaim the intense emotion with which our girls played. Some of that emotion is expressed through the photos here.

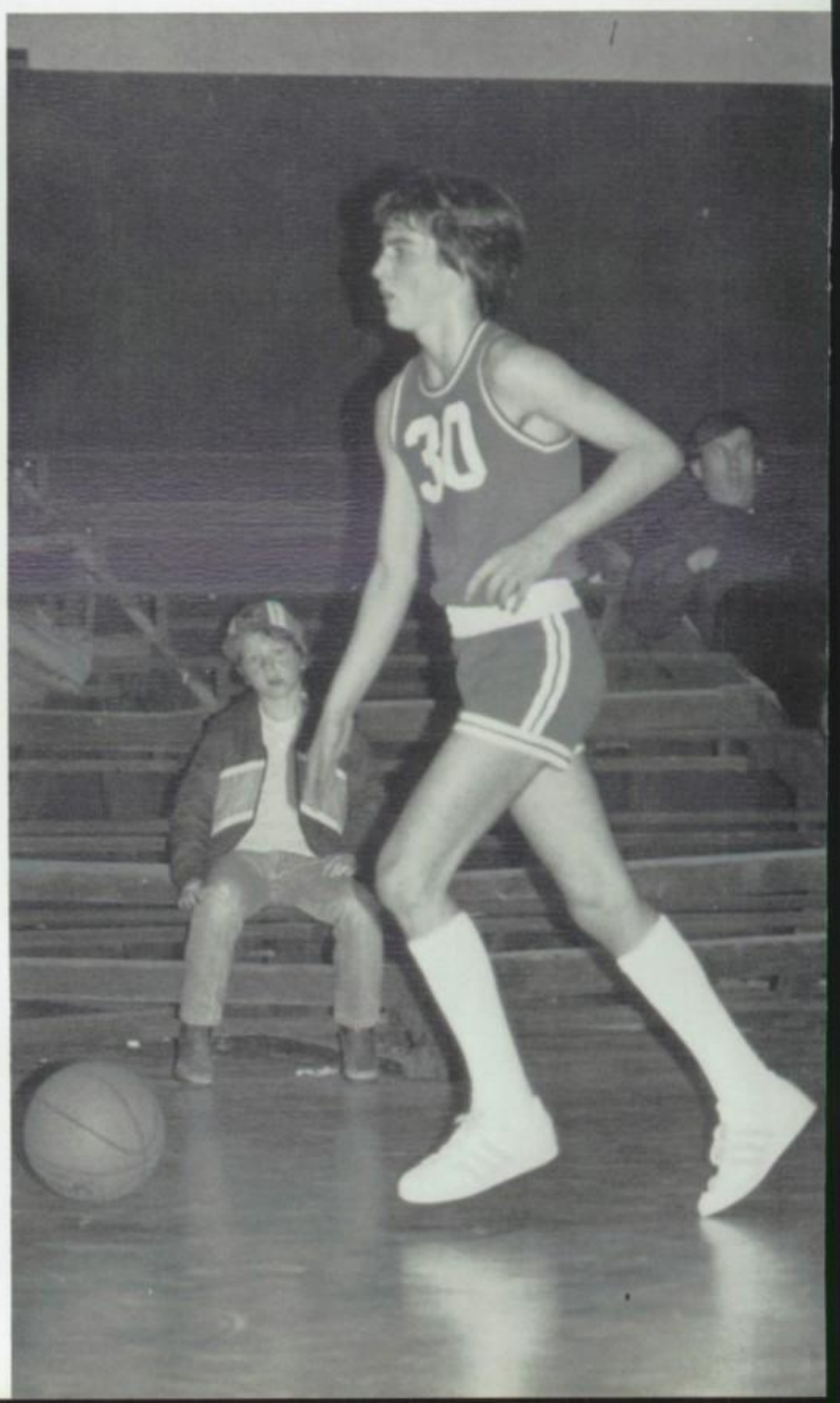
A Promising Future

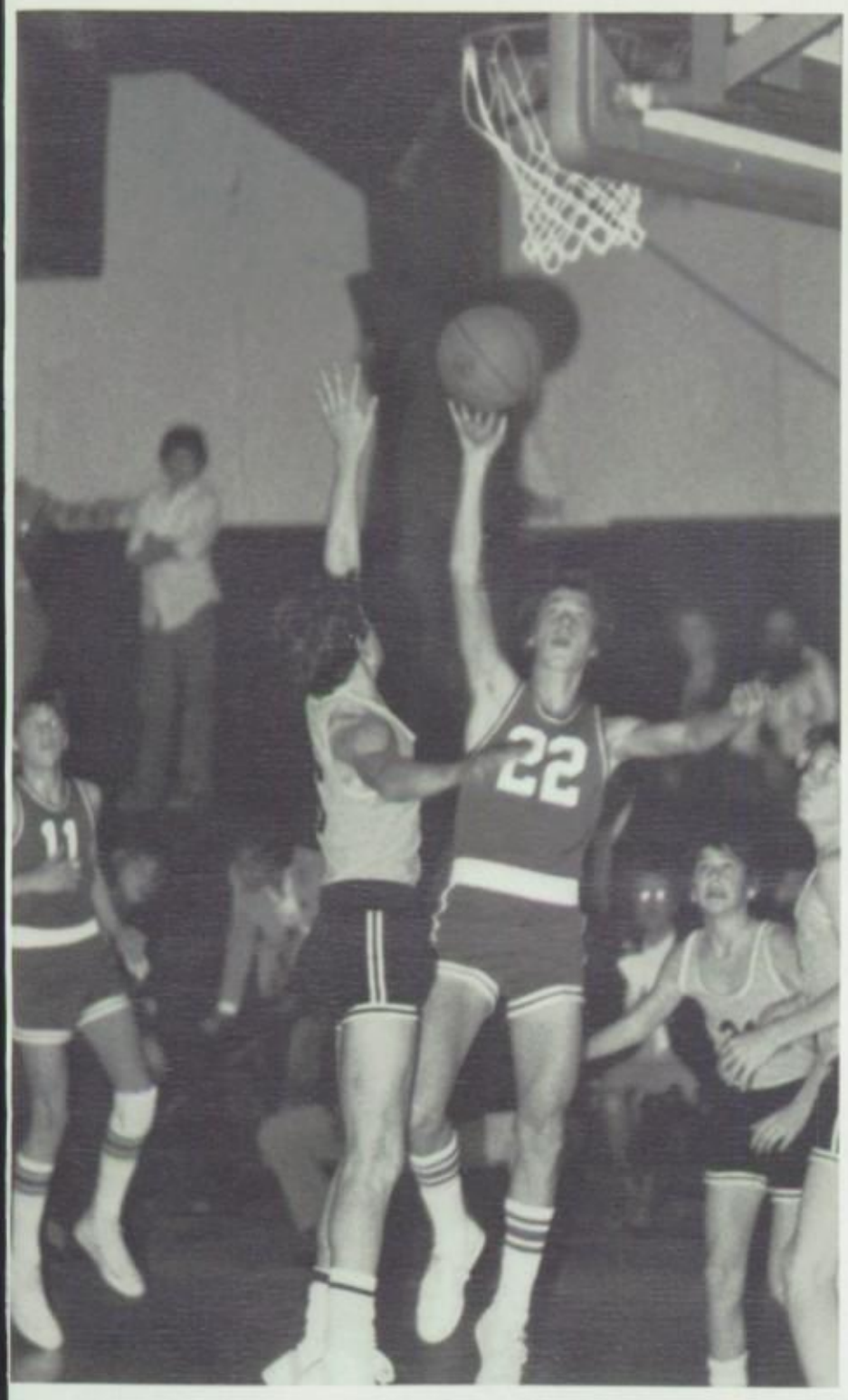
The Junior Vikings managed some bright moments during the season. This team offered a drastic recovery from the junior varsity season of a year ago. Several times during the season, it appeared that the Junior Vikings would reign at the top of the Carolina Academy Conference. The team did suffer some defeats to teams who allowed sophomores to play junior varsity; other than those defeats, the team did rather well against conference opponents.



Determined To Succeed

Our junior varsity boys were destined to be successful because of their hard work and determination. In the conference race, the Vikings opened early with game one against Enfield. That game became victory one as the entire team participated in the 28-16 win. The Vikes were able to defeat Warren 35-17 there and 42-35 here. Again, the entire team became involved in the win. One highlight of the season had to be the avenging of the home loss to N.E.W. (23-24). There the team triumphed, 30-26. One big disappointment came at Enfield as the Vikings performed poorly and lost, 26-29. The jayvee program served its purpose as the individuals learned basic skills.





SCOREBOARD

Halifax		Opponent
16	Lawrence	30
28	*Enfield	16
19	Albemarle	29
35	*Warren	17
32	Pungo	35
23	*N.E.W.	24
26	*Enfield	29
42	*Warren	35
26	*Northeast	30
30	*N.E.W.	26
21	Albemarle	24
23	*Hobgood	32
44	*Northeast	29
32	*Hobgood (O.T.)	37
36	Pungo	22
40	**Northeast	34
26	**Hobgood	27

*conference game
**tournament game

Row 1 — Ken Morris (manager), Tommy Wright, Shawn Gardner, Patrick Blankenship, Taylor Hawkins, David Strickland, Doug Morris, Jeff Green, Craig Moseley (manager); Row 2 — Mr. Jim Elam (coach), Tim Lambert, Jeff Inscoe, "Toot" Elias, Roger Jenkins, Melvin Green, Les Abshire, Will Pleasant, David Browder.

Inexperienced, Improved

The last few years saw the varsity girls lead the athletic program at Halifax. Many expected things to change this year due to the loss of tremendous talent over the past seasons. Perhaps many opponents and supporters were surprised to see a group of inexperienced players work hard and challenge many opposing squads. Despite a weak conference record, the girls gave many stronger opponents a struggle to the final minutes. With the loss of only two seniors (one starter), the ladies should be much stronger next season. Traditionally, teams have feared coming to Halifax. It appears that things will remain the same in the year ahead.

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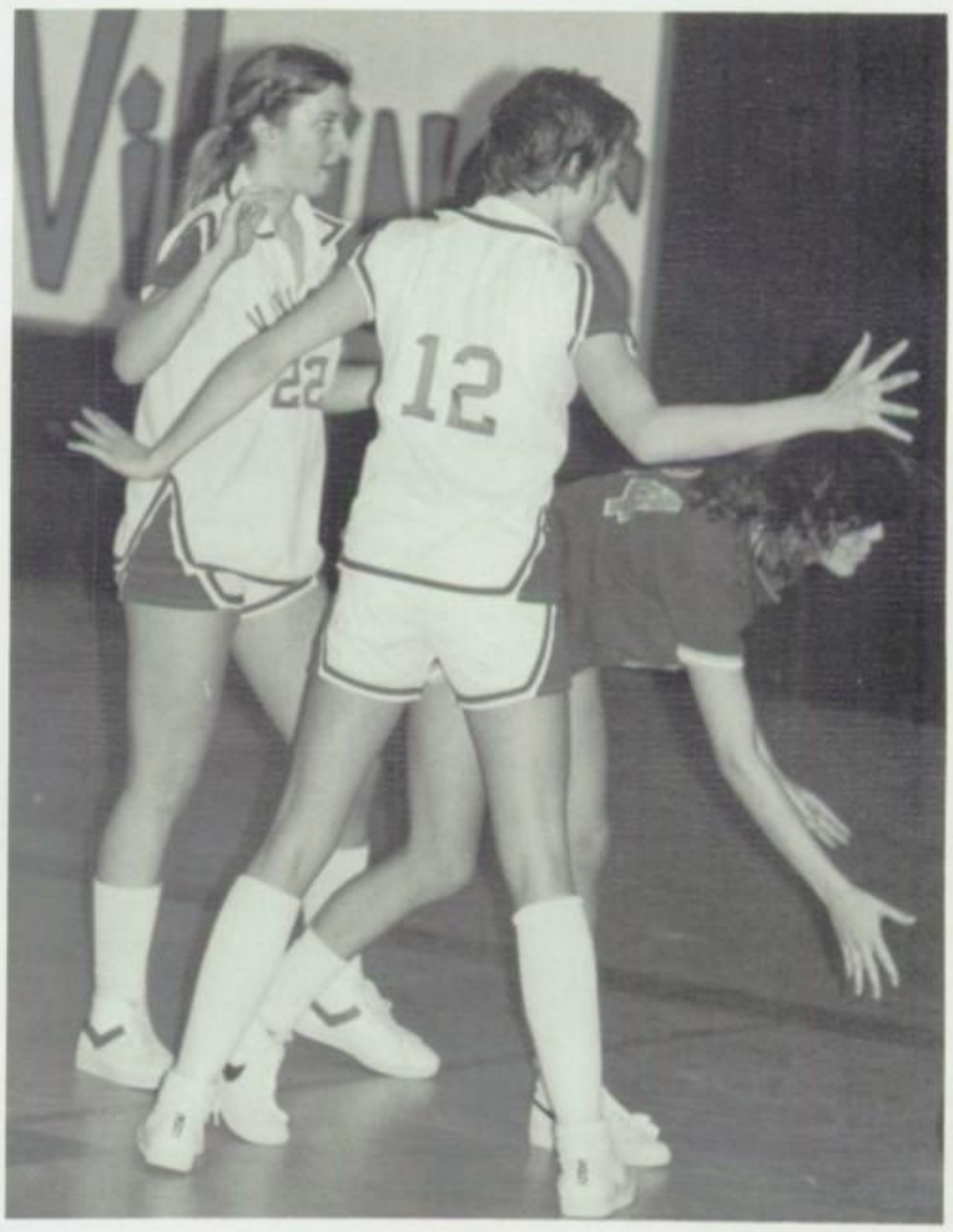
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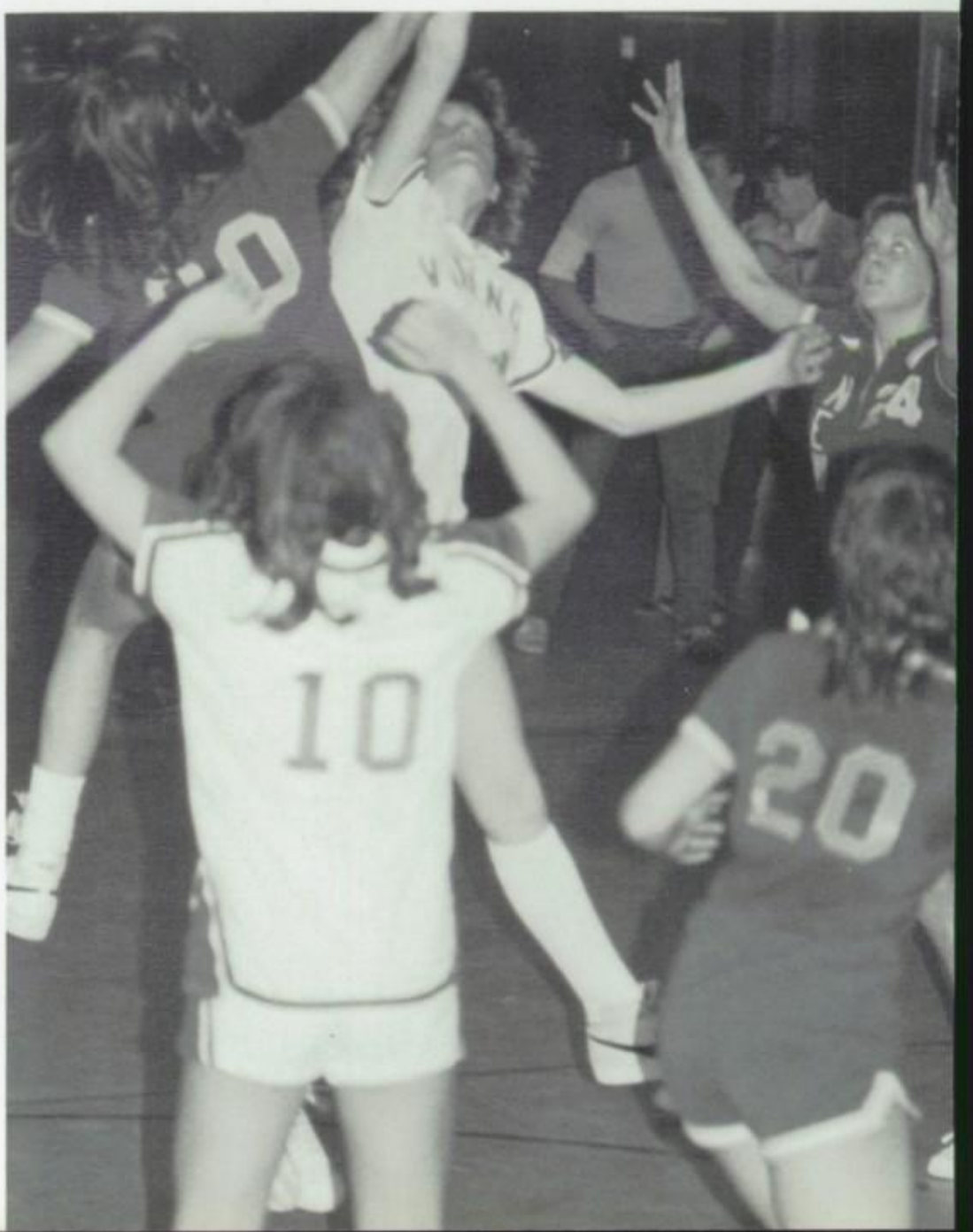
Highlights of Action

One of the season's highlights had to be the improvement of the team in the late season. Beginning with the Warren game at home, the Vikettes led the majority of the game against the unbeaten, top-ranked Lady Warriors. A cold spell late in the third quarter allowed Warren to grab the lead, but the Halifax ladies pulled back and failed to tie the game in the final thirty seconds.

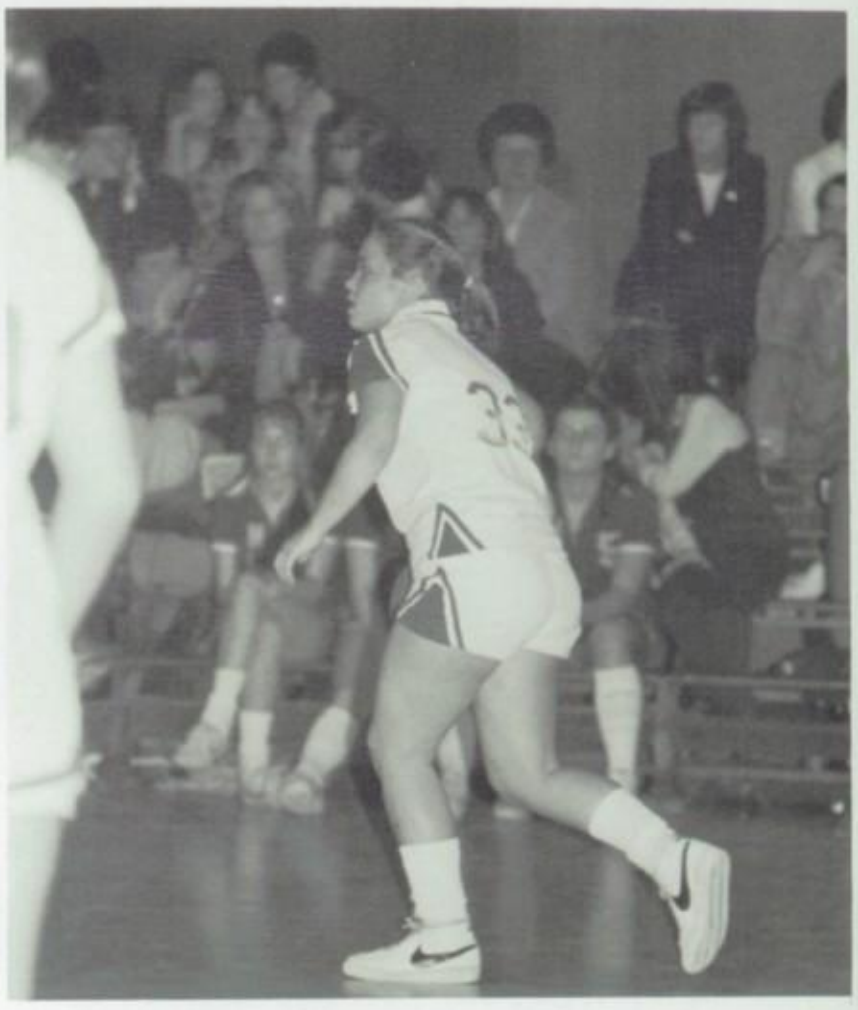
Numerous players contributed to the improvement of the team's play. Perhaps the ability to substitute freely gave Coach Elam that extra strength so needed in the early season. Pictured on this spread are some of the highlights of the 1981-82 season.



SCOREBOARD

Halifax		Opponent
33	Lawrence	29
27	*Enfield	31
44	Albemarle	26
23	*Warren	43
44	Roanoke Christian	27
20	Pungo	28
36	*N.E.W.	32
30	Roanoke Christian	21
30	Cape Fear	43
28	*Enfield	34
32	*Warren	35
29	*Northeast	36
36	*N.E.W.	34
41	Albemarle	35
29	*Hobgood	36
33	Lawrence	23
30	*Northeast	36
49	*Hobgood (3 O.T.)	56
43	Pungo (O.T.)	42
54	**Enfield	40
25	**Hobgood	48

*conference game
**tournament game



Lady Vikings Challenge

Row 1 — Coach Jim Elam, Wendy Harris, Laura Jenkins, Teresa Johnson, Kim King, Tammy Podruchny, Shelia Johnson; Row 2 — Lori Edwards, Mary Ann Griffin, Wes Taylor, Stephanie Johnston, Michelle Ross, Yvonne Butts, and Tammy Harris (not shown).

Sluggish Season For Varsity

The Vikings suffered the loss of all the starters from the losing team of 1980-81. Many felt that despite the inexperience of the '81-'82 squad the team would better the poor record from the previous year. At times the play of the team promised that reward. Other times promised a repeat of another poor season. Perhaps there was some consolation in the improved attitude of the players and the fans. The new school spirit was obvious even in defeat. At least the Vikings were victorious there!

Again the fans are looking to another year. With only two seniors on the team, maybe things will change in '82-'83. Who knows?

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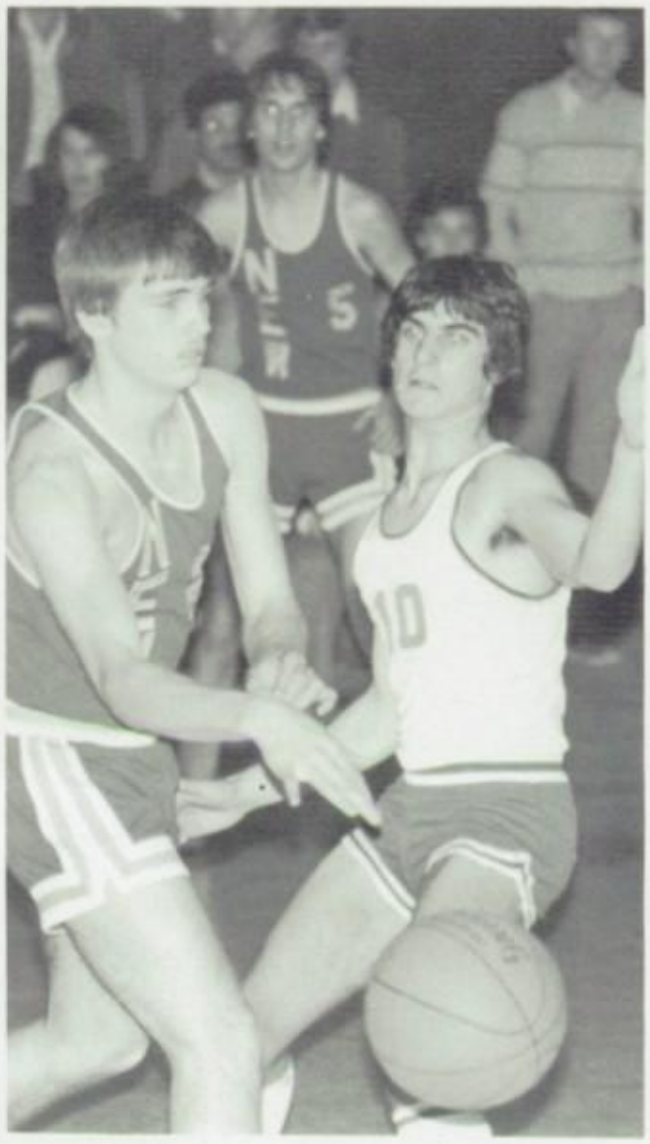
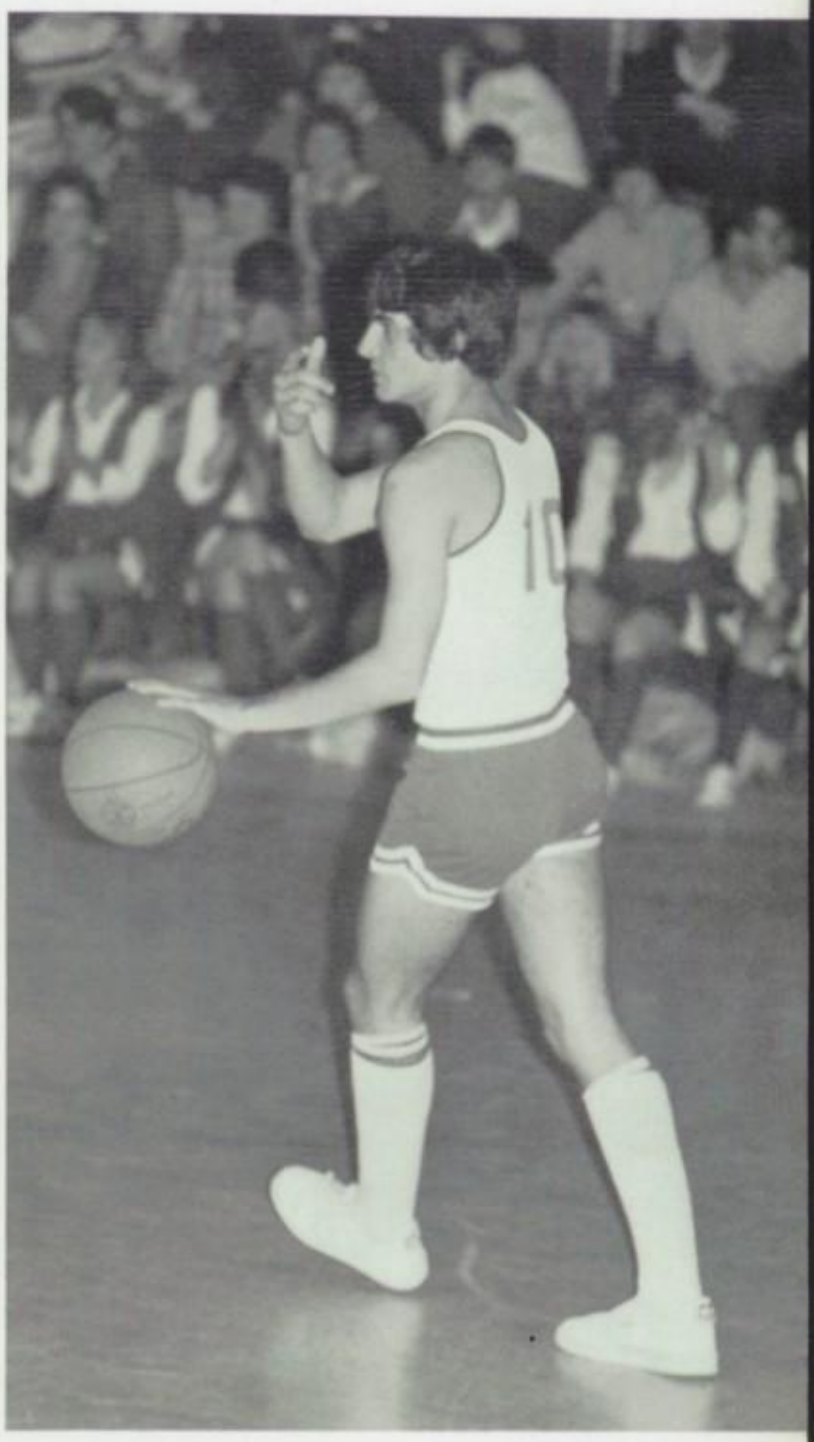




Inconsistency Every Game

The Varsity Vikings were not only inconsistent from game to game; they were just as inconsistent from quarter to quarter. At times the team appeared to be championship material; other times we fulfilled our role as contender for the bottom position.

The pictures of this spread highlight some of the season's action. Here the opponent is N.E.W.

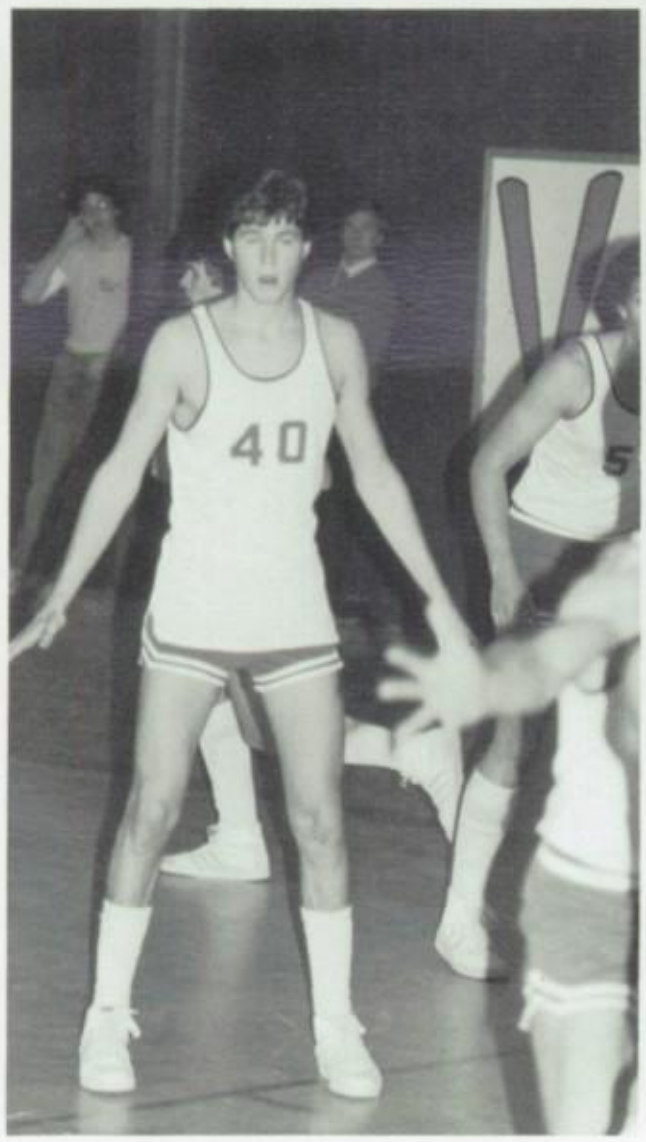
SCOREBOARD

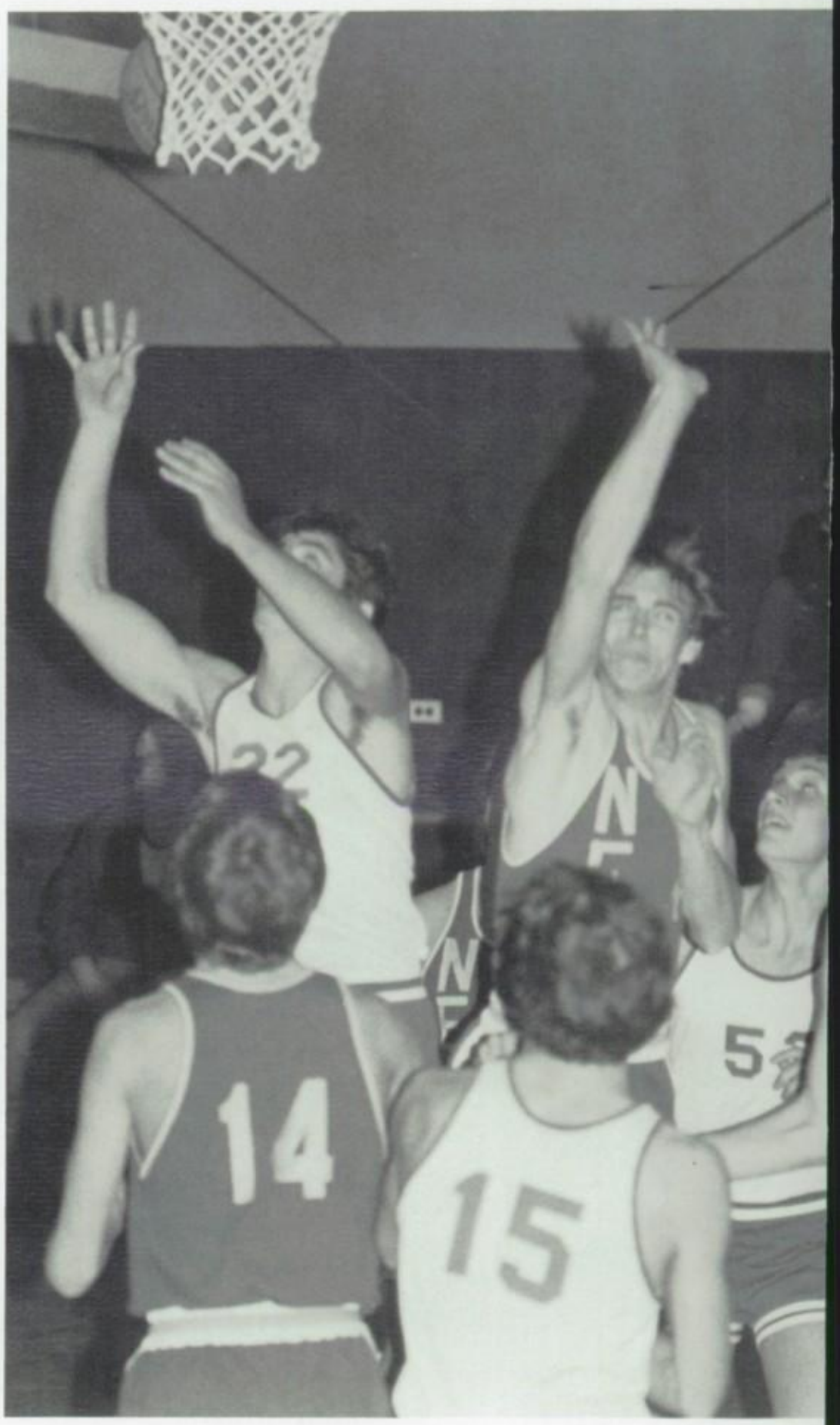
Halifax		Opponent
43	Lawrence	61
44	*Enfield	62
51	Albemarle	35
45	*Warren	47
60	Roanoke Christian	45
41	Pungo	80
36	*N.E.W.	40
55	Roanoke Christian	27
48	Cape Fear	75
48	*Enfield	62
48	*Warren	47
39	*Northeast	55
37	*N.E.W.	52
55	Albemarle	44
42	*Hobgood	65
50	Lawrence	72
55	*Northeast	44
55	*Hobgood	65
68	Pungo	64
56	**Northeast	52
37	**Enfield	50

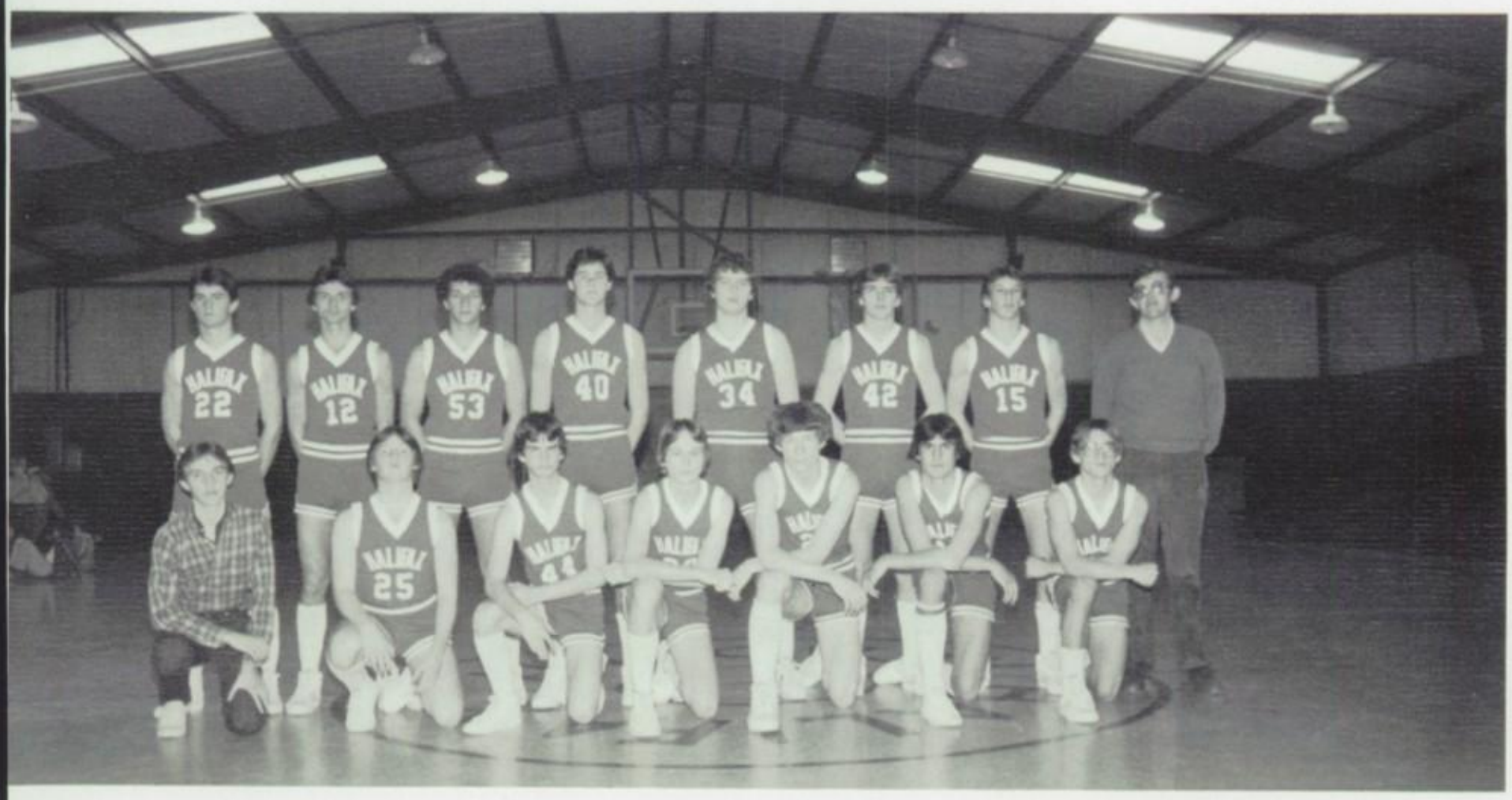
*conference game
**tournament game

Lackluster Play

With the students and parents still highly supportive, the Vikes continued the lackluster play that proved to be the downfall of the year's basketball campaign. Needless to say, there were things learned during the season. Hopefully, the experience was not all bad for those who endured the long haul.

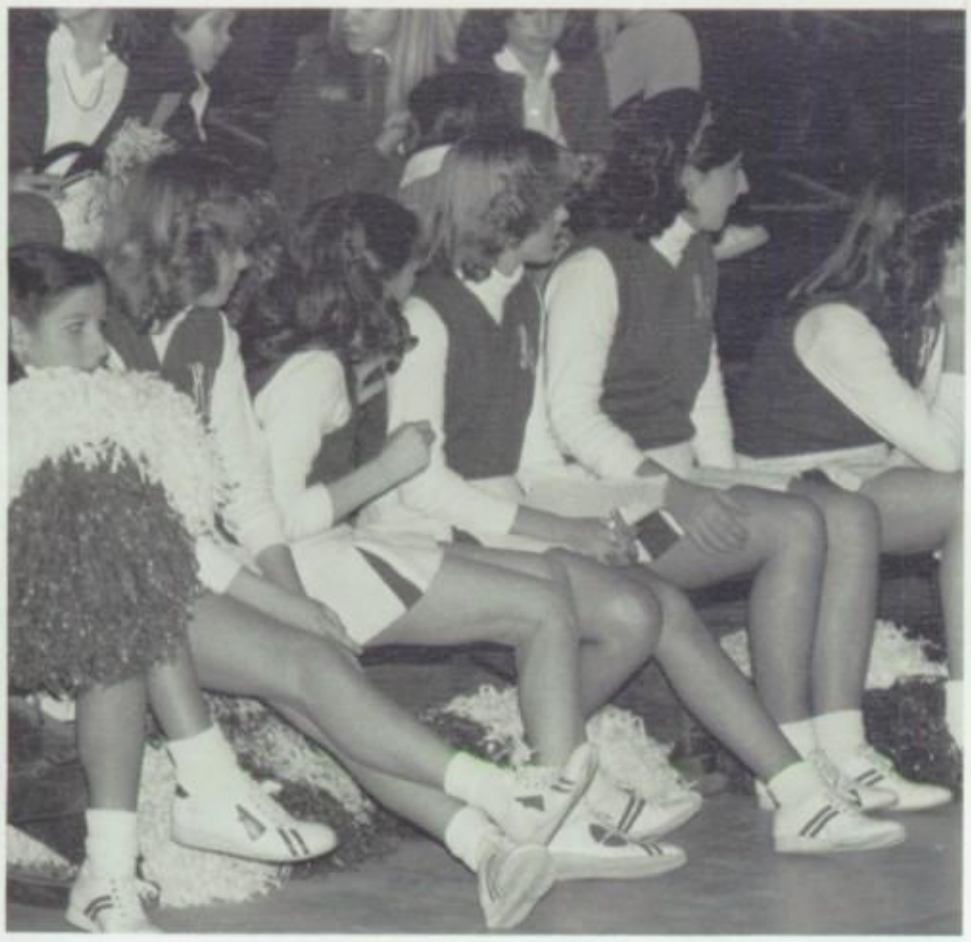






Row 1 — Bert Garner (manager and scorer), Jimmy Grant, Tommy Riggan, Michael Jones, Ricky Cobb, Chris Copeland, Ghi Suiter; Row 2 — Ronnie Hales, David Inscoe, Mike Smith, Gil Cutchin, Bryan Williams, Steve Viverette, Ted Garner, and Coach George Alston.

Excited To Be A Part!



It's not an easy task to attempt to enthuse students and parents to the point of participation. Our junior varsity cheerleaders have attempted to do just that this year.

Shown on the bottom of page 110, the 1981-82 junior varsity cheerleaders were as follows: Billie Haskins, Laurie Outlaw, Suzanne Perry, Susan Price, Jackie Medlin, Melonie White, Titian Quincy, and Jane Grant. The cheerleaders were led by Laurie Outlaw, Mrs. Janette Kendall, and Suzanne Perry (shown below).

Vivacious Vikings

The 1981-82 varsity cheerleaders continued the tradition of excellent spirit boosters. This year's squad continued to perform unique stunts during time-outs at basketball games. Interestingly and in contrast to past years, the cheerleaders this year were able to motivate the parents and students. Many times at away games our fans were much more vocal than the home team fans. Certainly, good cheerleaders must be given credit for this change. Even in losing, the Viking teams were cheered. Often people questioned what school spirit would have been with winning teams — it was tremendous with losing ones! A good deal of the credit goes to our cheerleaders.

VARSITY
Cheerleaders

A Winning Team! Go Mean Green!

The 1981-82 varsity cheerleaders were Lindy Turner, Missy Gardiner, Debbie Warren, Paige Birdsong, Ruth Jenkins, Kathy Shaw, Laurie Rudge, Perri Stowitts, and Linda Miles. They were led by Kathy Shaw, Mrs. Cathy Aycock (sponsor), and Paige Birdsong.

We are children. We are innocent. We stumble. We search for strength, for stability, for a shoulder and a smile when we fall. It seems that we are continually losing our balance, but after realizing the obvious futility of our tears, we pick ourselves up for another try and run for a padded lap. Our youth provides us with a security that can never be recaptured in later years.

Gradually, we grow away from Mama and Daddy and form relationships of our own. At this point, our lives are still very comfortable, and we can rely on our parents to make major decisions — any worries. Suddenly, almost overnight it seems, we've started worrying. We search. We fail. Now we take a step. Unsteady at first, we hold the hand of a friend and step lightly. It is all right to fall. We'll heal; we'll learn new things. We will allow ourselves to understand the significance of our individuality. We will find life.

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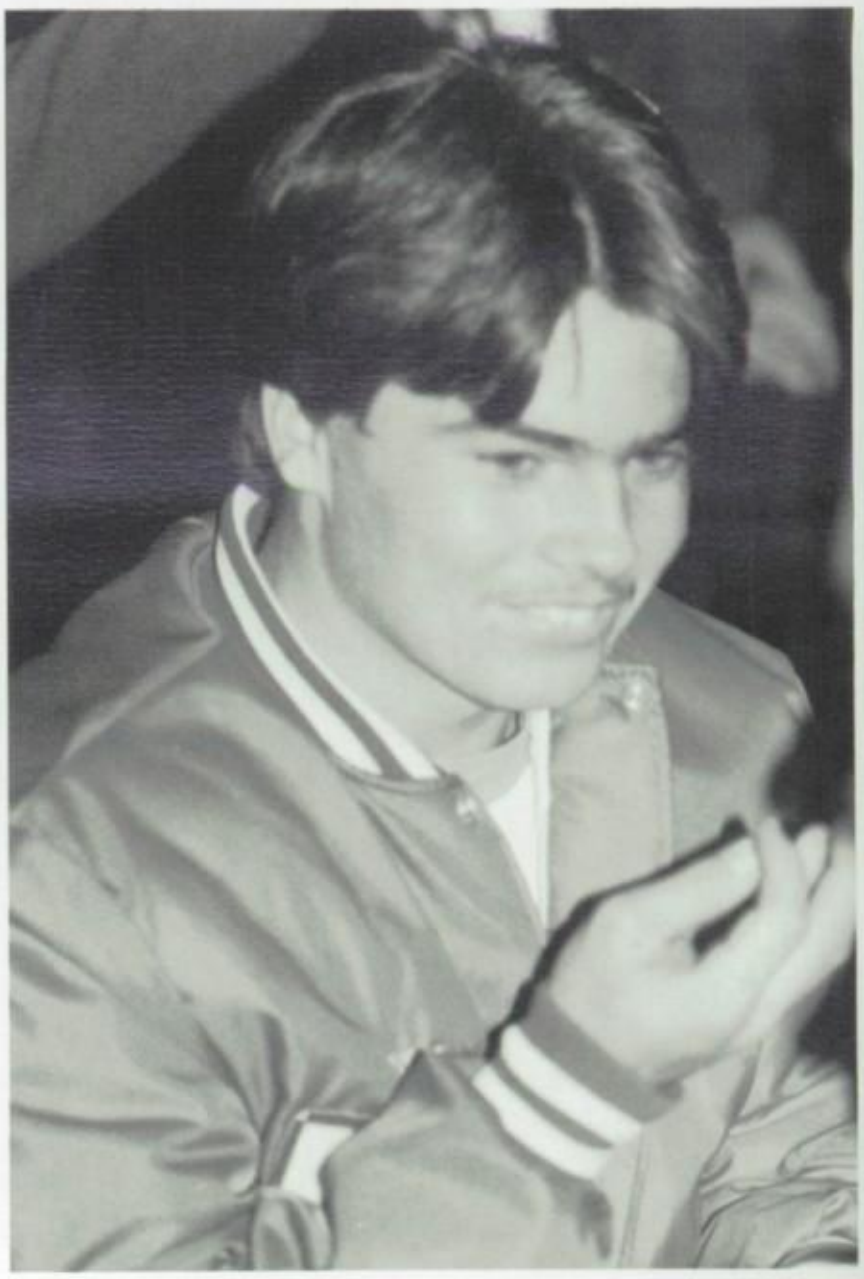


Headlines and Happenings

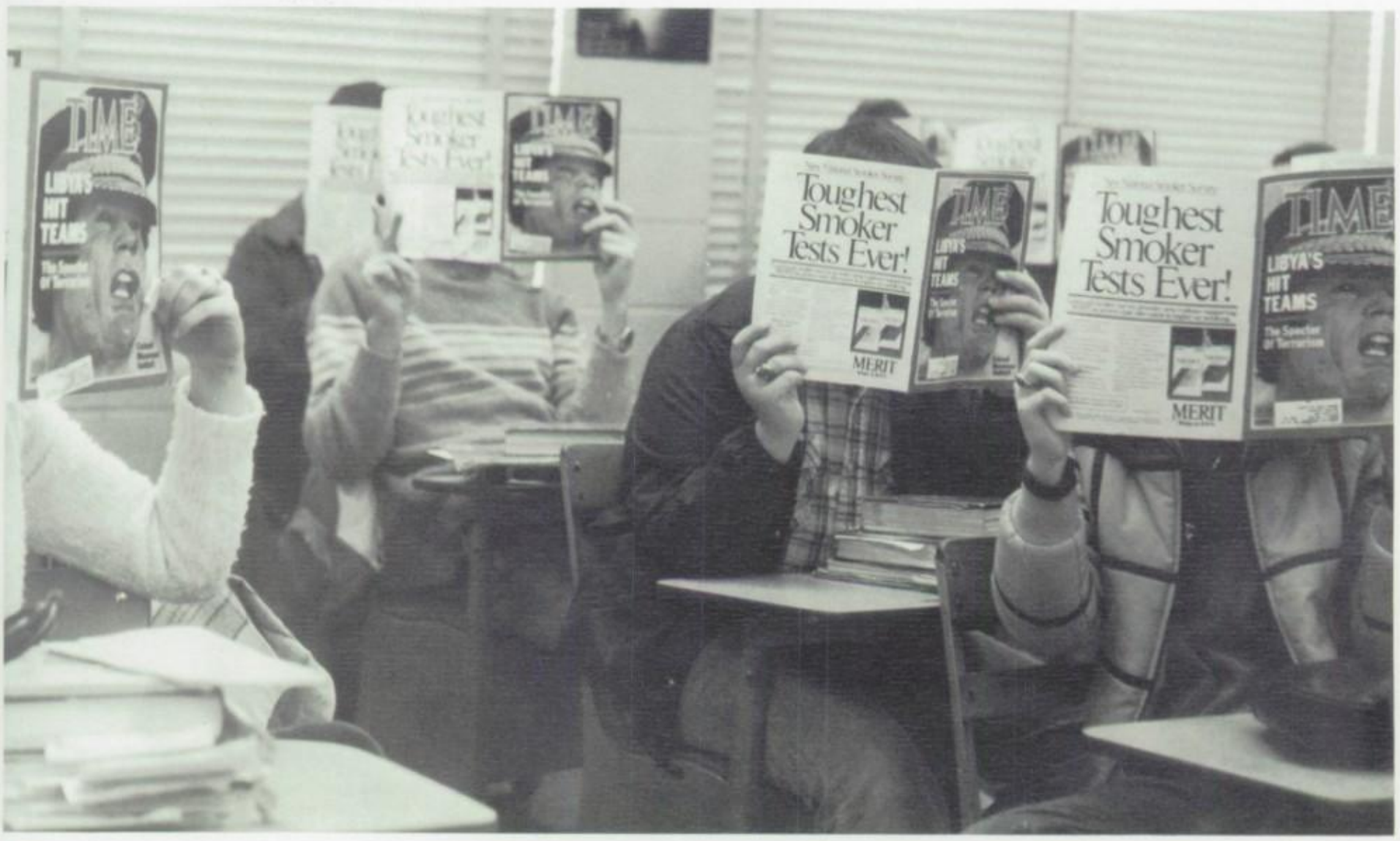
Most of 1981 and the early part of 1982 saw many headlines of varying natures. As a part of an attempt to record memories of 1981-82, the **Voyager** Staff shares some of the highlights (March 1981-January 1982).

March 30, 1981, was expected to be a routine day. After a meeting, **President Reagan** and **Press Secretary James Brady** gave newsmen an impromptu news conference. Soon the day became a moment in history. Bystander **John Hinckley, Jr.,** 26, was accused of seriously wounding Brady, injuring the President, a Secret Service agent, and a Washington policeman. An amazing survivor, Brady was even announced dead by the major television networks. On May 14, 1981, four shots rang out in Rome's St. Peter's Square. A Turkish terrorist wounded **Pope John Paul II.** On July 17, 1981, 1500 people were dancing in the $50 million **Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel** when two skybridges collapsed. More than 110 died and 200 were injured. July 29, 1981, saw a happy headline. In St. Paul's Cathedral, Britain's **Prince Charles,** 32, and **Lady Diana Spencer,** 20, were married before 2500 friends and relatives and a worldwide TV audience of 750 million. In August, a major headline concerned the fury between **President Reagan** and the **Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization** (PATCO). The striking members refused to return to work, Reagan fired them, and PATCO went broke. After a strike delayed the professional baseball season, the World Series saw the **Los Angeles Dodgers** capture the crown with the aid of rookie pitcher **Fernando Valenzuela.** On the first Monday in October, **Sandra Day O'Connor,** 51, was welcomed as the pioneer woman justice on the Supreme Court. **Egyptian President Anwar Sadat,** Mideast peace leader, was shot down October 6, 1981, by Moslem fundamentalists as Sadat reviewed a Cairo military parade. For months, reports centered around the killer of young blacks in Atlanta, Georgia. Twenty-eight were murdered and finally freelance photographer **Wayne Williams** was accused. **Poland** captured and continues to capture the attention of the world. The struggle of strikers centers around conflicts between the Polish Communist Party and the nation's Solidarity Union. In January 1982, an **Air Florida jet** crashed into a brdige over the Potomac in Washington, D.C. Some fifty lost their lives in the tragedy. In late January 1982, the Cincinnati Bengals and the San Francisco 49ers, two unexpected teams, battled for the **Super Bowl** title. The 49ers managed to capture the crown. One of the stories that remained a yearly headline was the **Reagan budget cuts.** In an attempt to restore sanity to America's economy, the President cut many social programs and managed to gain support from the House and the Senate.

Conservatism wasn't just a political trend; it was a fashion philosophy as well. The **preppie look** (simple cabled crew-neck sweaters, knee socks, plaids and Oxford cloth button-downs, along with Izod Lacoste alligators and Topsiders) was the ideal appearance.

According to Variety, the **top-grossing movies** were as follows: (1) **Raiders of the Lost Ark,** (2) **9 to 5,** (3) **Superman II,** (4) **Stir Crazy,** and (5) **The Cannonball Run.** According to Record World, the **best-selling singles** were as follows: (1) "Bette Davis Eyes," Kim Carnes; (2) "Endless Love," Diana Ross and Lionel Richie; (3) "Jessie's Girl," Rick Springfield; (4) "Morning Train," Sheena Easton; and, (5) "Keep on Loving You," REO Speedwagon. The **most-watched TV shows,** according to the Nielsen ratings, were as follows: (1) **M*A*S*H,** (2) **The Dukes of Hazzard,** (3) **60 Minutes**, (4) **Three's Company,** and (5) **The Jeffersons.**

Certainly, the time from March 1981 through January 1982 was a time to be captured in numerous ways by numerous magazines, newspapers, and radio and television networks. This is our capture of that time: the events and trends that shaped our lives as individuals and as a nation.



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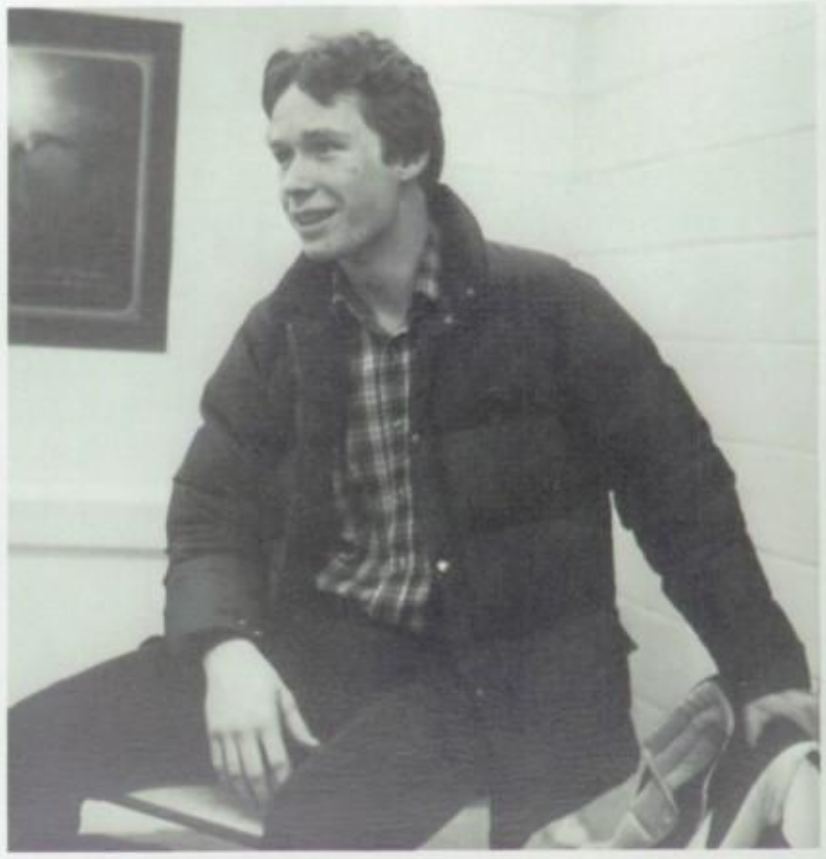

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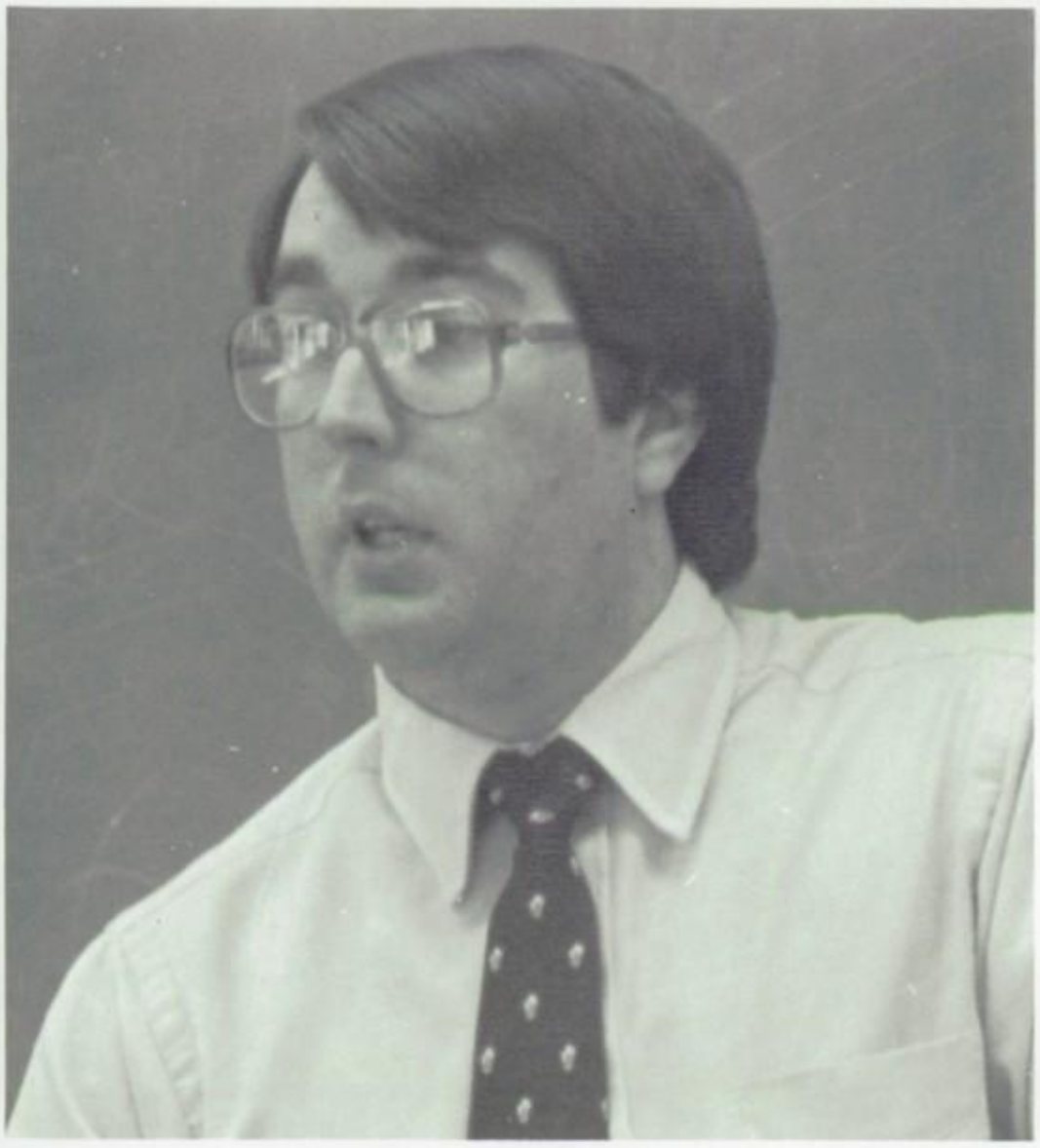

A true friend is someone who is there when time is running short . . . and that friend is Mr. Danny Hinnant. Mr. Hinnant is a teacher who really gets involved with his students. He is always glad to help those who need help in school work. In other activities such as making signs for pep rallies, helping make pinatas in Spanish, and building shelves in the teachers' workroom, Mr. Hinnant is also there. He is a member of the Halifax Baptist Church, a Halifax town commissioner, and a member of the Halifax Fire Department. Some of his hobbies are woodworking, antiques, and sports. He and his wife Theresa reside on Norman Street in Halifax.

Having graduated from Weldon High School in 1971, Mr. Hinnant furthered his education at the University of North Carolina and received the A.B. Degree in Secondary Education. He is presently doing graduate work at East Carolina.

Because of his zest in life and his compassion for young people, the **1982 VOYAGER** Staff dedicates this book to a truly unique individual, Mr. Danny Hinnant.

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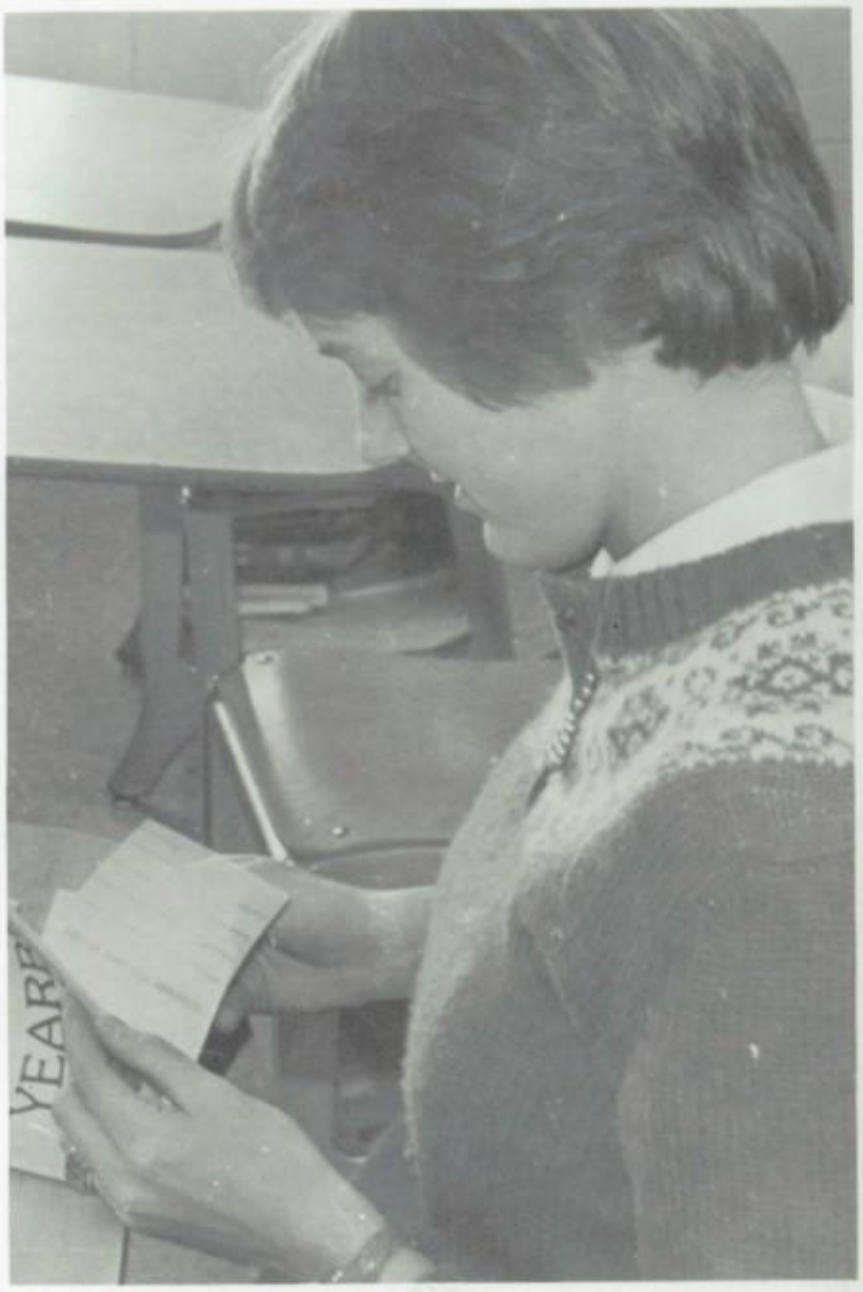

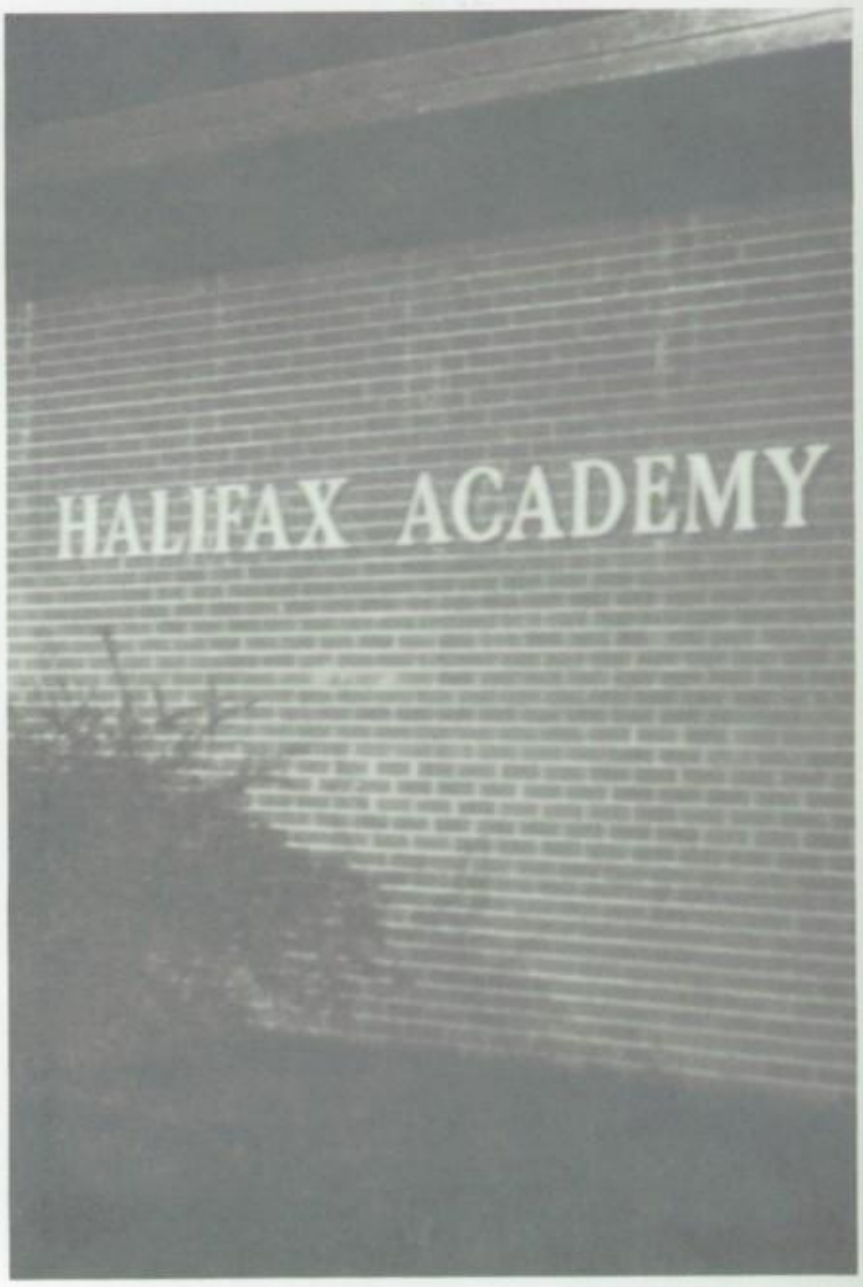

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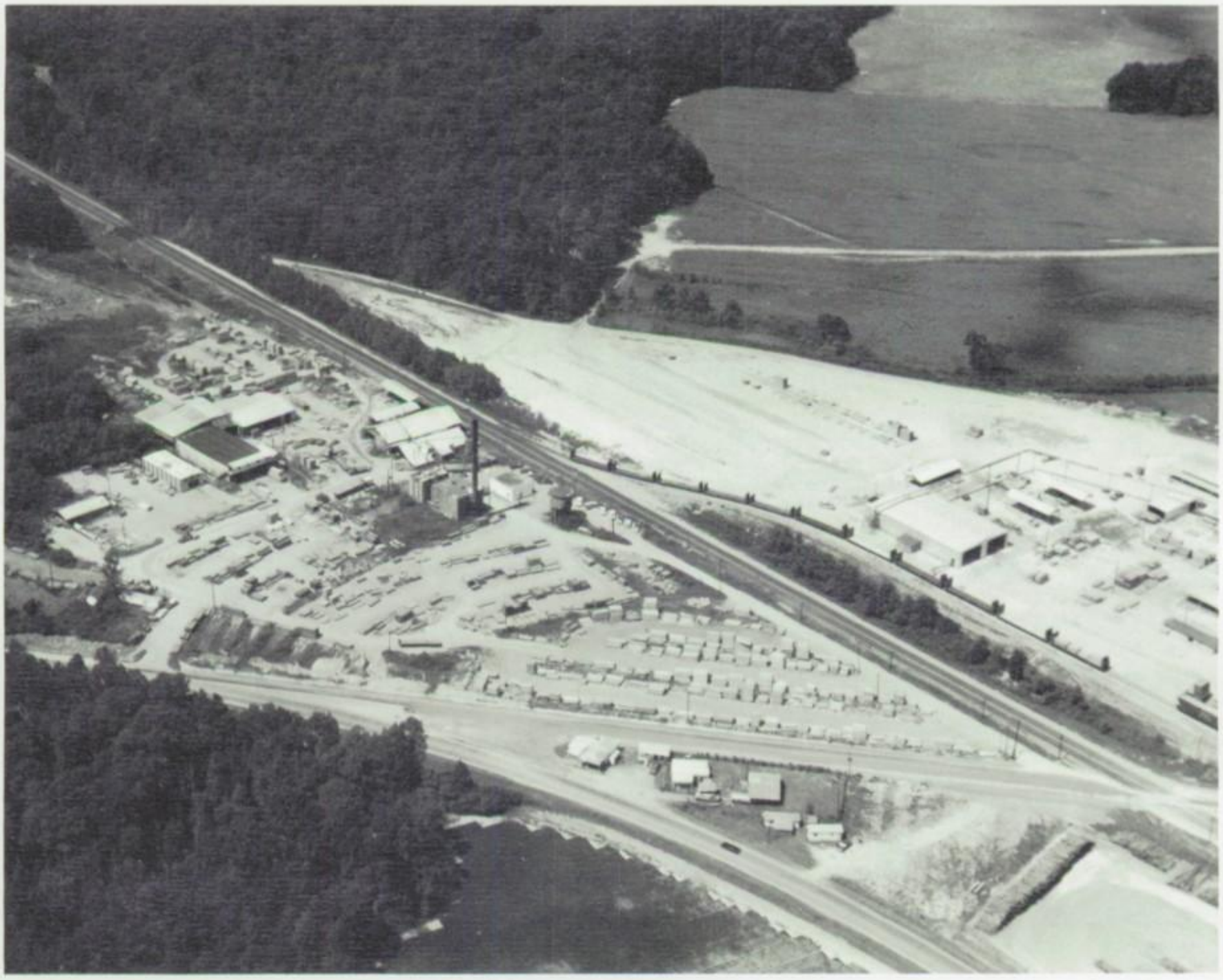

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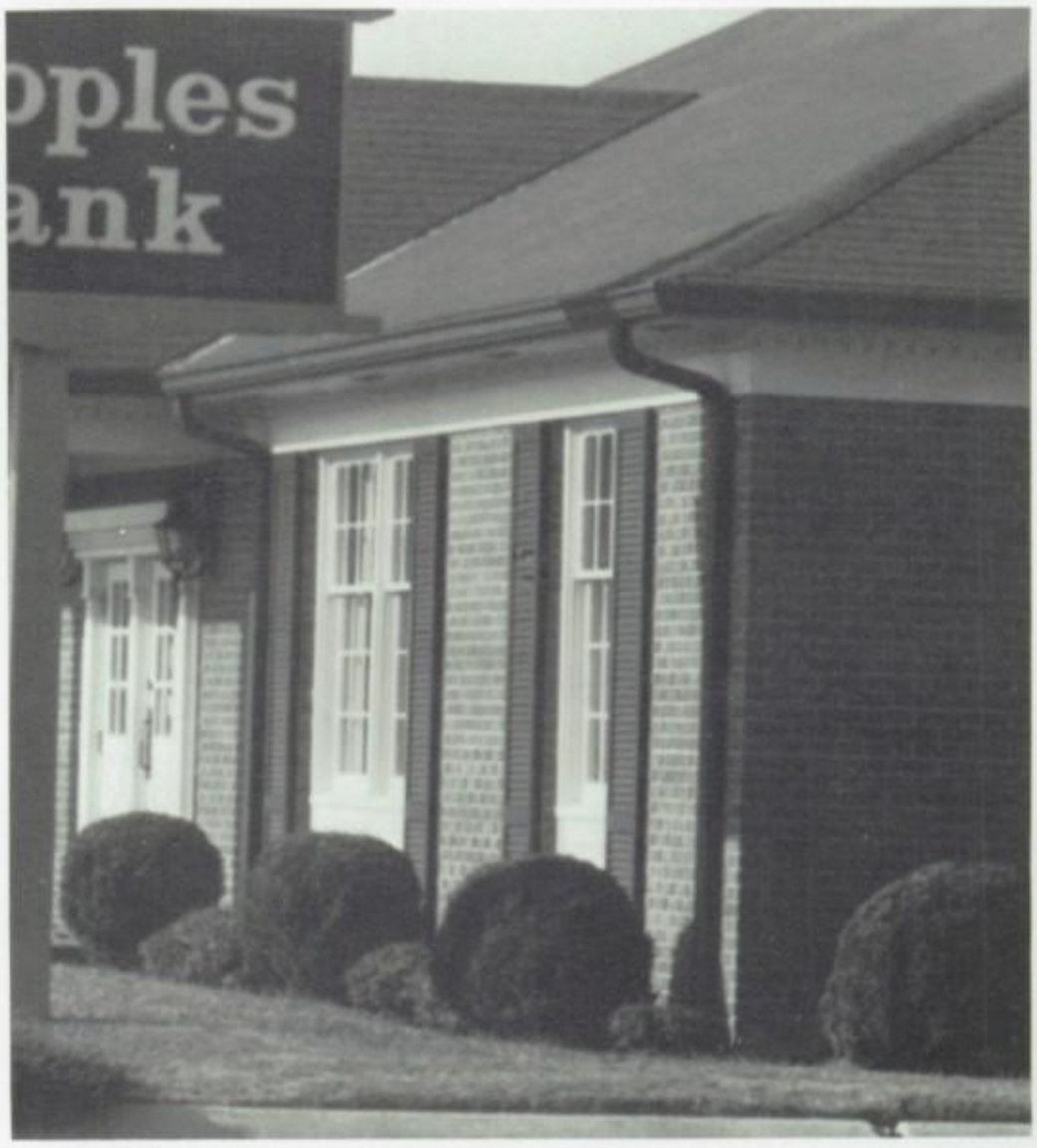

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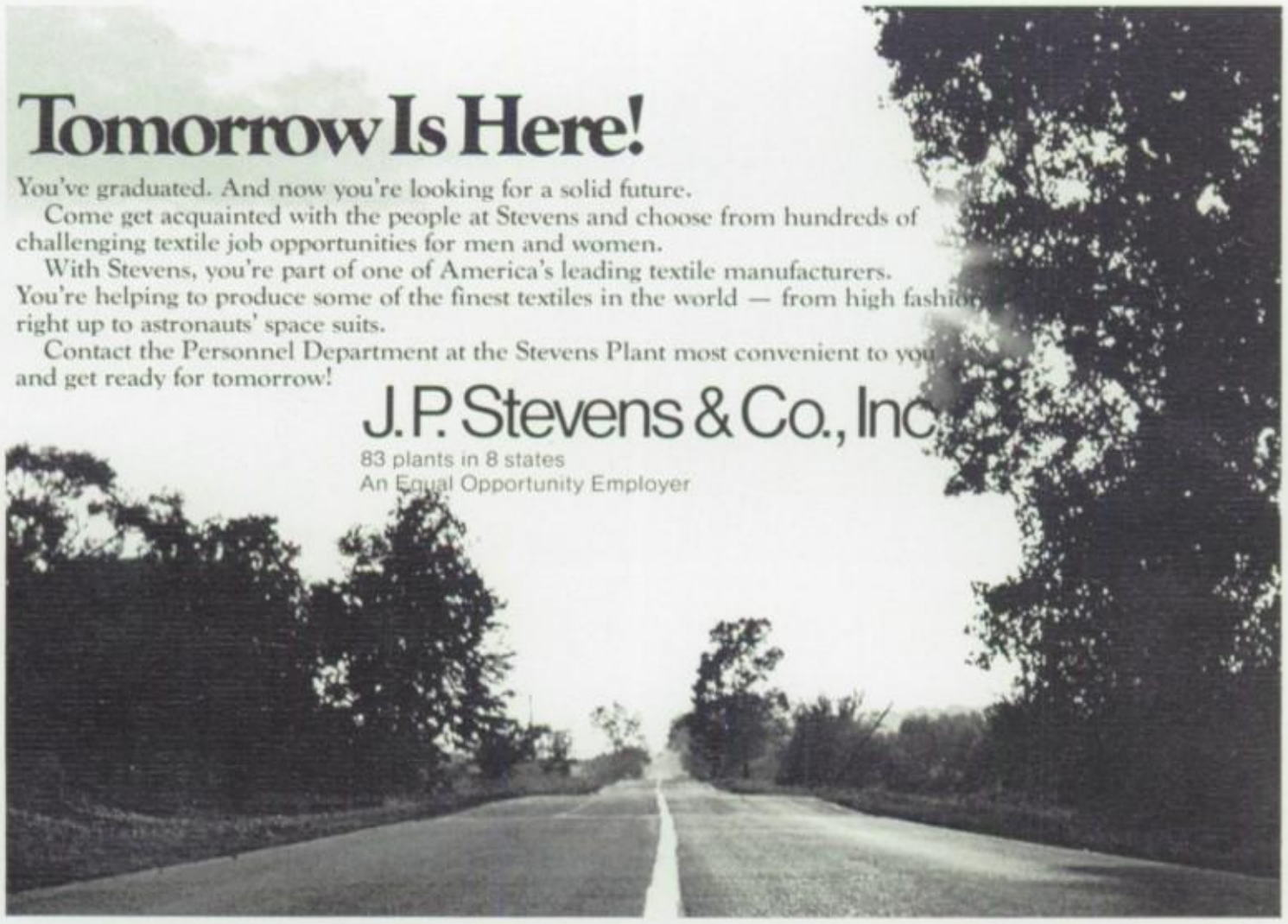

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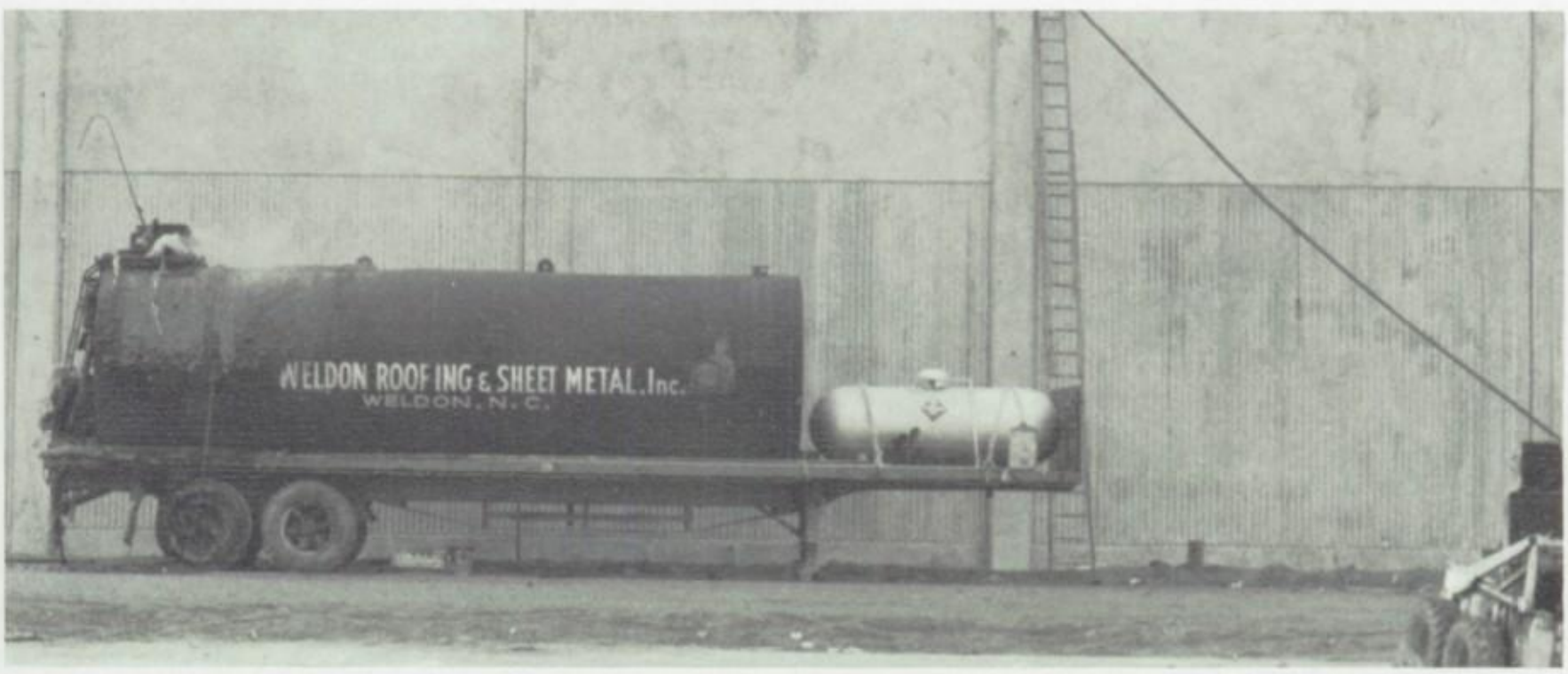

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Sincerely yours,

Perri Stowitts

In Act 3 of Thornton Wilder's **Our Town,** Emily says: "I can't. I can't go on. It goes so fast. We don't have time to look at one another . . . Take me back — up the Hill — to my grave. But first: Wait! One more look. Good-bye, Grover's Corners . . . Mama and Papa. Good-bye to clocks ticking . . . and Mama's sunflowers. And food and coffee. And new-ironed dresses and hot baths . . . and sleeping and waking up. Oh, earth, you're too wonderful for anybody to realize you. Do any human beings ever realize while they live it? — every, every minute."

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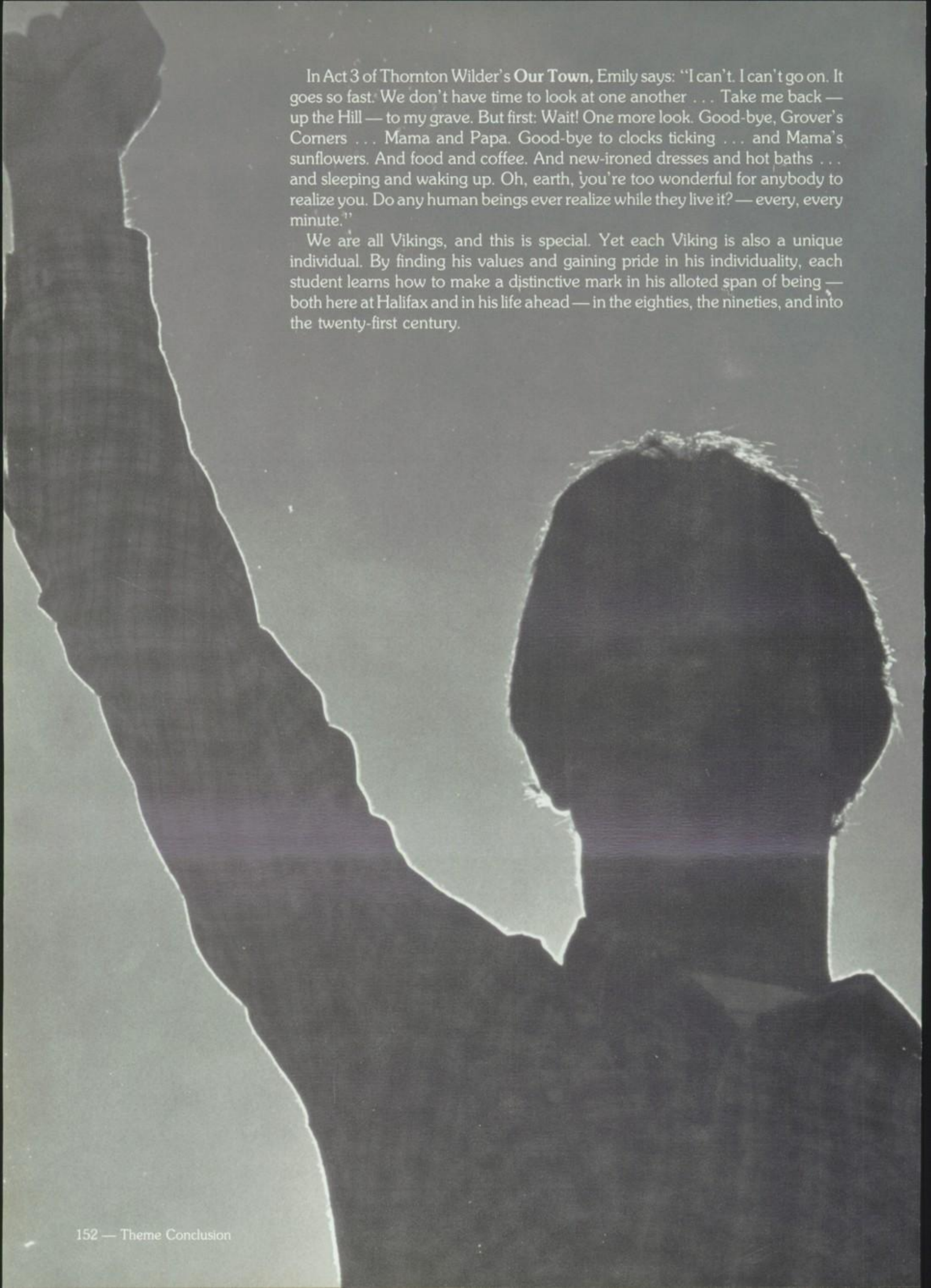

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I don't really know how to start this. First of all thanks for all your patients all the years you have taught me music. Thanks so much. I will remember you forever

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Mrs. Nowell. It's really been nice seeing you this year, you are a real inspiration to at school. Hope you have a great summer

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Mrs. Newell,

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